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MP stabbed at London meeting

Mr Michael O'Halloran, the SDP member of Parliament, was stabbed last night while speaking in his constituency, Islington, North. He was at a hall in Archway Close, Holloway, north London.

A man leapt at him and plunged a knife into his hand. People in the audience leapt on the attacker and restrained him until the police arrived.

Mr O'Halloran was taken to hospital but was said last night not to have been seriously hurt.

Shell loses claim for £24m

Lord Denning yesterday rejected Shell International Petroleum's £24m insurance claim against Lloyd's over the theft of oil carried by the scuttled tanker Salem. The theft was not covered by the insurance policy because the cargo had not been "taken at sea", he ruled in the Appeal Court Page 15

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Jeers and cheers for Thatcher

Mrs Margaret Thatcher was met by about 300 jeering demonstrators when she revisited her old school in Grantham, Lincolnshire, for the first time since she became Prime Minster. But there were cheers when she entered the school and was greeted by the 670 pupils.

Fall expected in inflation

Whitehall is confident that inflation is on a downward trend. The year-on-year increase in prices was 12 per cent in January for the third consecutive month. Page 15

Speed backs Tomahawk

Mr Keith Speed, a former Navy minister, is urging the Government to reconsider the Tomahawk, a seaborne cruise missile, as a more cost-effective successor to the Polaris instead of the Trident II Page 2



Lagos welcomes the Pope

The Pope meets a young Nigerian during a colourful ceremony in Lagos welcoming him to the country. In a speech greeting President Shagari he criticized interference in African affairs by outside powers, and predicted that the continent would astound the rest of the world if allowed to develop on its own Page 5

Lead in petrol

Mrs Thatcher's claim that European regulations preclude a ban on lead in petrol was refuted by CLEAR, the anti-pollution organization, which said she should fights the case in Brussels using the same attitude that she took over Britain's EEC Budget contribution Page 2

Foot promise

Mr Michael Foot, the Labour Party leader has promised to change councils' legal status so that their financial rights and powers are more clearly defined. Page 2

No Chelsea ban

The ban on Chelsea supporters attending away games was lifted by the Football Association after five attempts to enforce it. Page 19

Carrington makes three demands on Poland

From Richard Wigg, Madrid, Feb 12

Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, today called on the Soviet Union to stop its direct and indirect pressure on Poland "exerted to frustrate the clear aspirations of the Polish people for national renewal".

In a well received speech to the European Security Review Conference here, he went on to make three demands of the regime in Warsaw, which have emerged as the joint Western position at this conference. They are: prompt ending of martial law; release of those detained; and resumption of a national dialogue in which both Solidarity and the Catholic Church participate.

"The moment of truth can no longer be evaded. The health, not just of the European security process but also of East-West relations in Europe depends on closing the gap which today is all too obvious to our people", the Foreign Secretary declared. "The value of the Helsinki process will be lost if we do not soon have some evidence that these principles will be respected in practice by every participating state.

Lord Carrington spoke without any hindrance or repetition of Tuesday's obstruction by the Polish and Soviet delegations after the meeting agreed to procedure proposed by Dr Willibald Pahr, the Austrian Foreign Minister. In a concerted move by the neutrals, he suggested an all-day-long session without an arbitrary break at lunchtime. This met with an immediate consensus while the Russians stayed silent. Portugal took over the chair today.

Lord Carrington, talking later to reporters, argued that it was "a little bit too soon" to decide to adjourn the Madrid conference until the autumn, as the Swiss have suggested, in order to await possible improvements in Poland. But, like several other Western delegations today, he insisted that the main object must be to ensure no conference break- [illegible] process.

[illegible] the 1975 Helsinki [illegible] signed by Poland and the Soviet Union, Lord Carrington observed: "There is no consideration that can be invoked which justifies the degree of Soviet intervention in Polish internal affairs which we have seen. I call on the Soviet Union to respect Poland's fundamental right to solve her own problems free from foreign interference." If the West had ignored what had happened in Poland and the complicity of the Soviet Union, it would have constituted an open invitation for something even more serious.

The Foreign Secretary emphasized that the British Government recognized Poland's alliance with the Soviet Union. But he went on to outline a four-fold Soviet responsibility for internal developments in Poland since August, 1980. There had been a sustained campaign of public and secret pressure on Warsaw to secure the suppression of a popular movement; threatening military manoeuvres; involvement in secret praparations for imposing martial law; and preventing news of developments from reaching the Polish people through the jamming of broadcasts by Soviet transmitters at Smolensk and Kaliningrad.

Referring to the use of force to impose the will of the regime on Polish workers, Lord Carrington noted that the violence and deaths had not been the cause but the con*sequence of introducing* martial law. The evidence so far prevented the West, he said, from taking the regime's assurances about restoring civil liberties at face value.

M Claude Cheysson, the French Foreign Minister, who was prevented on Tuesday from addressing the conference, prefaced his speech today with the remarks: "Everything comes to pass, even the turn of France. How some delegations must have feared this freedom of expression if they dedicated so many hours to arbitrary obstructionist manoeuvres!"

He told the Soviet Union that the suppression of civil liberties could not be the price required for achieving stability in Europe. The Helsinki process was never intended to cement positions in Europe forever but, on the contrary, to permit the evolution which the people of Europe desired.

Today's arrangement to allow more than 20 speeches was worked out at a meeting by six neutral countries last night. Dr Franz Ceska, the Austrian permanent delegate, told reporters today he believed the Russians had dropped their obstructionist tactics, realizing they had proved counter-productive.

It was agreed tonight that the next plenary session will be held on Wednesday. No decision was taken on adjourning the Madrid meeting

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Polish pilot flies his family to the West

West Berlin, Feb 12.—A Polish Airlines pilot today diverted his aircraft from an internal flight to bring his family to West Berlin, in a hijacking that apparently went unnoticed by the two security guards on board.

The Antonov-24 of the Polish state airline, Lot, was on a flight from Warsaw to Wroclaw in western Poland. The flight should have lasted just over an hour, but 90 *minutes after take-off the sur*prised passengers found themselves in West Berlin.

The aircraft landed at the United States military air base of Tempelhof at 8.51 am. The pilot, his wife, their two daughters, aged two and three, his cousin and his wife with their 14-month-old baby girl all said that they intended to remain in West Berlin, according to United States military sources.

Two security guards, who had been among the 19 passengers, remained on board while the others were questioned by West Berlin police in the air terminal building.

The police said that no one in the passenger cabin had apparently noticed the change of course.

The co-pilot and one other male passenger had decided to remain in West Berlin, but the remaining passengers would return to Warsaw as soon as Lot provided a new crew. The airline had already offered to do so, they said.

There could be no formal charge of air piracy brought against the pilot, because he had flown the aircraft himself and had not used force or threats to take command, according to the police. But he could still be charged with detaining some of his passengers against their will, a lesser charge which can still carry a five-year jail sentence.

There have been five other hijackings of Polish aircraft to West Berlin so far, and several attempts have been thwarted by Polish security guards before leaving Polish air space.

Today's hijack was the first such incident since martial law was declared in Poland on December 13.

The authorities have tried to discourage hijackers by imposing stiff jail sentences.—Reuter.

A clean sweep—by the Chairman of China's Communist Party



Mr Hu Yaobang (centre), who became Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party last June, gives a public demonstration of the new broom sweeping clean. Mr Hu assumed his post after the demotion of Mr Hua Guofeng, successor to Chairman Mao. It is common for photographs to be issued of China's leaders performing everyday tasks, such as helping with work on a dam or mingling with labourers on a commune. Peking released this photograph yesterday, possibly because of speculation about the absence from public view over the past three weeks of Party leaders.

Ulster boys' sex inquiry in chaos after walkout

From Our Correspondent, Belfast

The inquiry into the Kincora Boys' Home homosexual scandal faced collapse within hours of opening in Belfast yesterday when three members of the investigating committee resigned because they said major criminal aspects of the affair had still not been dealt with.

Professor Norman Tutt of Lancaster University, Professor Olive Stevenson of Keele University and Dr Stanley Worrell, a former headmaster of Methodist College, Belfast, withdrew from the inquiry after Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, the committee's legal adviser *announced that he was taking* no further part in the proceedings as he believed it was a useless exercise.

They said they had been assured that the police were satisfied that all major criminal aspects of the affair had been disposed of, but further inquiry proved that was not the case.

They added: "We do not therefore believe that it would be right to continue our investigation until these matters have been satisfactorily resolved."

Mr Stephen McGonagle, the chairman, said that his committee no longer existed, but he would remain in office until Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland decided what should be done.

Mr McGonagle, the former Northern Ireland ombudsman, said last night that he was disappointed by the resignations. "I think that the care of children is of paramount importance to me. It takes priority over any form of investigation into any kind of incidents which took place in this home".

The committee was set up last month by Mr Prior to investigate the failure to identify malpractices in certain children's homes in Northern Ireland which resulted in convictions for sexual offences against children in Government care.

There have been persistent pressures for a full judicial inquiry, repeated yesterday by Mr Gerard Fitt, MP for West Belfast, who said he had told the committee he was dissatisfied with the scope of their investigation which gave insufficient protection to witnesses. He said the committee's terms of reference were too restrictive.

Mr Ferguson said Mr McGonagle had been given an impossible brief. The strength and seriousness of the allegations were of such a nature that only a full public inquiry would satisfy the community that things were being done properly.

☐ Dr Worrall said last night that he and his two colleagues had felt their task impossible while serious criminal investigations were taking place into the homes (David Nicholson-Lord writes).

"It was becoming apparent that we should not be able to avoid identifying individuals, finding out that X did this and Y did that. We are going to start trepassing on criminal matters and we are not properly constituted to go into that."

There was no urgent crisis in the homes and criminal investigations should be cleared up before any inquiry could be resumed, he said.

Political split over licences for Laker

By Michael Baily, Transport Correspondent

A deep political split was developing last night over whether Sir Freddie Laker should be given licences for his "People's Airline", and how quickly.

Government sentiment from Mrs Margaret Thatcher down has tended to favour Laker, but Labour scepticism towards a resurgence is now being shared by some Tory backbenchers.

At the centre was the non-political Civil Aviation Authority which insisted that statutory duties to protect the consumer and the aviation industry must be fulfilled and could take weeks at least.

Sir Freddie described the dismissal of 1,700 of his former staff by the receivers as "shattering, frightening, disastrous" and gave a warning that licences would have to be issued immediately to start giving some of them jobs again.

If the CAA took three or four months "there won't be another airline" he said.

He later denied that he was playing a game of brinkmanship with the CAA. "It's people's livelihoods we are talking about and I do not play cards or Russian roulette or brinkmanship with people's livelihoods"

But the CAA insisted that there was no chance of a "quickie". Statutory procedures had to be gone through to allow appeals and counter appeals and they could take weeks in the case of suspension of a licence; months for a new licence.

They had been highly embarrassed by a broadcast statement by Lord Boyd-Carpenter, a former chairman of the CAA, yesterday that the authority had "quickie" procedures available. A spokesman said: "That is certainly not so where other interests are deeply affected by a decision as is obviously the case here".

Mr John Smith, shadow trade secretary, demanded an inquiry into Laker Airways collapse before Sir Freddie was granted any new licences, and asked Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade, to hold up the Laker-Lonrho deal until all Laker Airways' debts are met.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative member for Birmingham, Selly Oak, is to meet Mr Biffen next week to express fears—shared by a number of other Tory backbenchers—over government backing for a resurrected Laker airline.

The offer by Mr Tiny Rowland, Lonrho chairman, to pay back Laker passengers who had lost on the crash was wonderful Mr Beaumont-Dark said. But the offer should have come from Sir Freddie first.

In Spain the Spanish Hotels' Federation said that its thousands of member hotels may not provide beds for the companies which bought Laker's holiday subsidiaries until all Laker debts to the hotels, estimated at £1.6m, were paid.

The dismissal of 1,700 Laker staff, leaving 300 for essential duties while the receivers complete their business, was announced in a letter from the receivers yesterday in which appreciation was expressed for staff cooperation.

Reactions by staff to the dismissals, with statutory redundancy entitlement, were mixed. "We have no complaints", said Captain Gordon Steer, general secretary of the flight crew staff association, who still *has his job.* "The redundancies were expected. You cannot expect the receiver to keep the staff when the airline is grounded. The crew are quite encouraged by the fact that Sir Freddie is talking about setting up another airline."

But hostess Linda Kempton said: "If he does set up again it will be without me. Many of us have lost our trust in Laker Airways. Sir Freddie has just been interested in getting himself out of the mire."

Sir Freddie, who wrote to staff this week, had an appreciative word as he left another three-hour meeting at Lonrho. They are marvellous people.

In the United States, the Civil Aeronautics Board said Laker's licences to use their airports were still valid.

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BR could be switching to Aslef line

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Correspondent

British Rail is considering agreeing to pay the 3 per cent rise to locomen in return for rapid but non-binding arbitration on drivers' hours within the railway industry's own negotiating machinery.

If Lord McCarthy makes a recommendation to that effect, the British Railways Board could agree on Tuesday, provided it was underwritten by a statement making it clear that the drivers' eight-hour day was now open for modification.

The move would mean a reference, possibly within days, of the flexible rostering issue to the Railway Staff National Tribunal (RSNT), also chaired by Lord McCarthy. As such it would be seen as a substantial shift towards the terms sought by the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen for any inquiry into the productivity issue at the heart of the dispute.

Nevertheless, one view gaining ground within British Rail is that Aslef, which has long argued for the industry's own machinery to be used, could hardly ignore the findings of the RSNT, if as British Rail hopes, it came down in favour of ending the drivers' eight-hour day.

Sir Peter Parker, BR's chairman indicated yesterday that he would not be prepared to carry out a recommendation to pay the 3 per cent unless a commitment on productivity could be gained in return.

Sir Peter said in a BBC Radio interview he hoped that if, as expected, the inquiry recommended the 3 per cent be paid it would also insist that it be paid in the context of the undertakings on productivity given by Aslef and the other unions in the summer.

He added: "I do not want to be told to pay the 3 per cent for nothing, to pay the 3 per cent and to go into more talks. The other unions have stopped talking and are doing things. I want a fixed commitment."

Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen (NUR), yesterday repeated his criticisms of Aslef and said: "It was the wrong dispute at the wrong time about the wrong issue. It has damaged not only the industry but the relations between both unions."

He said similar deals on flexible rostering to those rejected by Aslef were being accepted at local level in meetings of NUR guards. On Eastern Region a quarter of guards had agreed flexible rosters.

Reagan to visit Britain

Washington, Feb 11.—President Reagan will visit London and Bonn in addition to Paris and Rome during a West European tour in June (Mohsin Ali writes).

The White House today announced that the President will be in Britain from June 7 to 9 at the invitation of the Queen and Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister.

President Reagan will arrive in Bonn on June 9 to attend a Nato summit meeting on June 10 and then return to Washington. He will also attend an economic summit meeting in France and have an audience with the Pope in Rome before flying to Britain.

Thirteen lost after lifeboat from crippled ship sinks

By David Cross

Thirteen crewmen from the crippled Greek tanker Victory were believed to have died yesterday within sight of their rescuers when the lifeboat they were on broke up in a violent Atlantic storm.

Radio messages from ships and aircraft sent to the area, about 800 miles south-west of Land's End, said that no survivors were seen after the lifeboat went down. Winds blowing up to 50 knots and waves 50ft high had earlier broken the back of the Victory, a 12,487-ton vessel on its way from Florida to Liverpool with a cargo of molasses.

The 13 missing crewmen, including officers, took to the lifeboats from the front section of the stricken ship. About 18 others were left apparently without lifeboats or lifecrafts, clinging for their lives to the deck superstructure of the after part of the vessel.

Rescue ships and aircraft which answered SOS calls from the Victory stood by helplessly as the heavy seas and strong winds made rescue attempts impossible. An RAF Nimrod aircraft, which joined the search after first light, dropped eight inflatable dinghies close to the stern section before abandoning the search when fumes engulfed the Nimrod's flight deck. The aircraft later landed safely in the Azores.

Two American aircraft, an Orion and a C130, were on their way to the Victory yesterday afternoon with medical teams on board. If weather conditions permitted, they were to be parachuted into the sea with their own rescue craft and medical equipment. They would then remain with any rescued seamen until calmer weather.

According to Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence, which was providing most of the information on the shipwreck yesterday, the first distress signal from the Victory came at 0100 GMT. The message read: "We are sinking." A couple of hours later a Belgian vessel, the Poromac, which was the first to reach the Victory, radioed that the ship had broken in two.

☐ Brest: One man drowned and another was missing when a Spanish trawler Playa Finisterre sank in the Channel off Cap Gris-Nez after colliding with a Danish tanker

The remaining six crew were picked up by the tanker, the Svengulf-Maersk.

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Azores

Wider strike threatened at Heathrow

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

British Airways hopes to operate four out of five flights due out of Heathrow airport, London, this weekend despite a railway-style strike by 2,000 ground staff over flexible work rostering.

Volunteers including BA pilots yesterday kept the airline in business by loading travellers' baggage into planes, but the disruption of services is expected to increase after a decision by the Transport and General Workers' Union to make the dispute official.

Union officials issued a warning last night that the dispute, which has affected only short-haul BA flights, could spread to other European airlines. Tanker drivers and maintenance men would be asked not to cross picket lines.

If they agree, flights of Dutch, Scandinavian, Portuguese and Greek national airlines, which are also serviced by BA staff, could be grounded.

There weer no plans for talks between BA management and the union on the disputed new working arrangements. The airline said it wanted flexible rostering of the kind sought by British Rail to allow shifts varying from seven to nine hours.

Mr John Collier, a union official, said the action was taken after the airline's refusal to recognize existing agreements.

Mrs Oppenheim may not be replaced

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Mrs Sally Oppenheim yesterday resigned from the post of Minister for Consumer Affairs "to do justice to family commitments and responsibilities".

She was warmly thanked by the Prime Minister, but the news that there are no plans to replace her has roused anxiety among Conservatives who see considerable political value in a minister who is known, or at least supposed, to have the consumers' interests at heart.

Mrs Oppenheim's duties at the Department of Trade have already been divided between the two parliamentary under secretaries, under the supervision of Mr John Biffen, the Secretary of State.

Mr Reginald Eyre takes over competition policy, including monopolies and mergers, consumer protection and responsibility for nationalized industries' consumer councils. Mr Iain Sproat will be responsible for tourism, hotels and travel, as well as the newspaper, film and publishing industries.

Mrs Oppenheim, who told the Prime Minister before Christmas that she wanted to leave office, wrote yesterday that her decision was taken after a period of considerable pressure after the death two years ago of her husband, Mr Henry Oppenheim, who had a successful property business.

Her personal assistant, Miss Olivia Rolleston, explained yesterday that Mrs Oppenheim had taken on many of her husband's business responsibilities. She had resigned most reluctantly, and might well take a part-time job later. She had already been offered yesterday a directorship of a major national company in the consumer field.

Mrs Oppenheim, who is 51, has been MP for Gloucester since 1970, and has no intention of leaving the Commons. For five years in Opposition she was party spokesman on prices and consumer protection, and became Minister of State at the Department of Trade when the present Government was formed. Her departure reduces from five to four the number of women in the Government.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim: Family responsibilities.

Her main parliamentary achievement, as Mrs Thatcher's letter yesterday recalled, was the piloting through the Commons of the Competition Act of 1980 which gave new powers to the Monopolies Commission to investigate nationalized industries.

Mrs Oppenheim is on the right of the Conservative Party, a natural sympathizer with Mrs Thatcher and the loyalest of supporters. As a minister her reputation was for being slow to make decisions, but tough in their *defence*.

In the Conservative Party a Minister for Consumer Affairs must tread carefully between the demands of consumers and the embrace of commercial interests which tends to claim the party as their own. Her colleagues' verdict on Mrs Oppenheim is that she managed it pretty well.

Speed has doubts over £6,000m Trident purchase

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Growing doubts among Conservative MPs about the high cost of the Trident missile were voiced in a speech by Mr Keith Speed, former Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Navy, last night. He urged the Government to reconsider the seaborne cruise missile, the Tomahawk, as the most cost-effective successor to Polaris.

Mr Speed said that new and important developments to the Tomahawk, which is to be deployed in Britain in its ground-launched role, included the development of a vertical launcher so that a considerable number of missiles could be launched quickly from a submarine or surface ship.

The Tomahawk was rejected in 1980 partly because the launching time was too slow.

Mr Speed's intervention comes at a time when Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence, is pressing the Cabinet for a decision to purchase the Trident II missile (D-5) from the United States in place of the Trident I, at an estimated cost of at least £6,000m in 1980 prices, or about £1,000m more than Trident I. Critics of the programme put the cost at up to £10,000m.

Mr Speed, speaking at Bethersden, Kent, said that he supported the decision in July, 1980, to buy Trident I because of the Government's publicly stated belief that it would not affect the strengthening of our conventional forces.

"Since then a growing number of people who are anxious that we should play our full part, nuclear and conventional, in Nato have started to express doubts as to whether our economy and our defence needs can successfully contain the minimum viable conventional forces needed for our national interest and our Nato contribution, together with the Trident programme."

Mr Speed agreed with Mr Nott that the American decision to go for Trident II meant Britain had to follow.

To proceed with Trident required two assumptions. The first was that, because it would not enter service before 1994-95, the next two governments at least, whatever their political complexion, must give the programme their support.

Second, any price above about £7,000m at 1981 prices must cast severe doubt on whether Britain could maintain the conventional forces it needed. The real alternative of Tomahawk merited further technical and political investigation.

It was an excellent missile; its range approached 2,000 miles, not far short of Polaris, and no doubt could be developed. It could be carried by every submarine in the Navy and fitted to surface ships.

Associated fails to get sole ownership of 'Standard'

By Philip Robinson

Attempts by Lord Rothermere's Associated Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily Mail*, to become sole owner of London's only evening newspaper, *The Standard*, have failed.

Lord Rothermere owns half *The Standard*. The other half is held by Express Newspapers, which is headed by Lord Matthews and owned by Trafalgar House, the property group. Lord Matthews said last night: "There is no way he will get it. I would not sell our half to him. It stays with Trafalgar House or goes into the new company, Fleet Holdings."

It was Trafalgar's plan to float off its publishing interests, which include the *Daily Express, Sunday Express, Daily Star*, Morgan Grampian magazines, the *South Wales Argus* and half *The Standard*, into Fleet Holdings that has started the dispute over ownership.

Under a clause in the original partnership agreement, made 16 months ago when Associated closed the *Evening News*, before either party transfers its share, the first option must be given to the other.

Associated directors were said to be abroad last night and not available for comment. But informal talks between them and the *Express* before the Fleet Holdings deal was approved by Trafalgar House shareholders last month indicated that there was strong opposition to including *The Standard* in the arrangements.

It is argued that putting Express Newspapers' half share into Fleet would constitute a change of ownership and trigger the first option clause. Lord Matthews says it would not, but if the two sides could not reach agreement half ownership of *The Standard* would stay with Trafalgar.

The move comes at a time when the *Daily Express*, has told its staff that an immediate £250,000 cost saving is needed because of the rail strikes' effects.

Lord Matthews said the move was an attempt at a general tightening up. "There is no great drama. If we were asking for 600 redundancies and saying that we would close the paper if we did not get them, like *The Times*, then that is a serious statement which should be carried by every newspaper, but this is nothing like that."

In the City, the cost-cutting at the *Express* is being seen as a result of the appointment last week of Mr Ian Irvince, a senior accountant, as Fleet Holdings's chief executive.

Last night Lonrho, owner of *The Observer*, which it bought for £6m last summer, denied reports that it was putting the Sunday newspaper up for sale.

Mr Paul Spicer, a Lonrho director, said: "*The Observer* has made money since we bought it. We would not sell it if some one offered us five times the price we paid."

Executives of Mirror Group Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror*, and *Sunday People*, which is owned by Reed International, were unavailable for comment on whether their titles were for sale.

Title of 'The Times' transferred from TNL

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Correspondent

The titles of *The Times* and *Sunday Times* have been transferred from the ownership of Times Newspapers Ltd to its parent company, News International, it was announced last night.

News International, answering a question put to them by *The Times* National Union of Journalists negotiators, said the decision to transfer the titles had been taken "towards the end of last year" by the board of Times Newspapers Ltd.

No official explanation for the move was given last night. But it could be seen as increasing the leverage of Mr Rupert Murdoch, the companies' chairman, in his present attempt to seek a reduction of 600 jobs. One consequence is that he could retain the titles after closing the newspapers and liquidating TNL if he fails to reach agreements with the printing trade unions.

The decision was taken without the knowledge of the independent national directors of *The Times* who are members of the separate board of Times Newspaper Holdings Ltd, of which Mr Murdoch is also chairman.

The company spokesman, Mr Arthur Brittenden, said last night that the issue was "not within the authority or discretion of the independent national directors".

One of the five independent directors, Lord Dacre of Glanton however, criticized the transfer saying: "Prima facie it seems to me a violation of the terms on which the papers were secured by News International and in any sense I regard it as a gross incivility that it should have been done behind the backs of the national directors. The proprietor met the national directors on January 12 and said nothing about it." He added: "The national diectors will take notice of this".

Mr Brittenden, corporate relations director of News International, said last night: "The decision was taken at a board meeting of Times Newspapers Ltd towards the end of last year at which the editors of both papers were present".

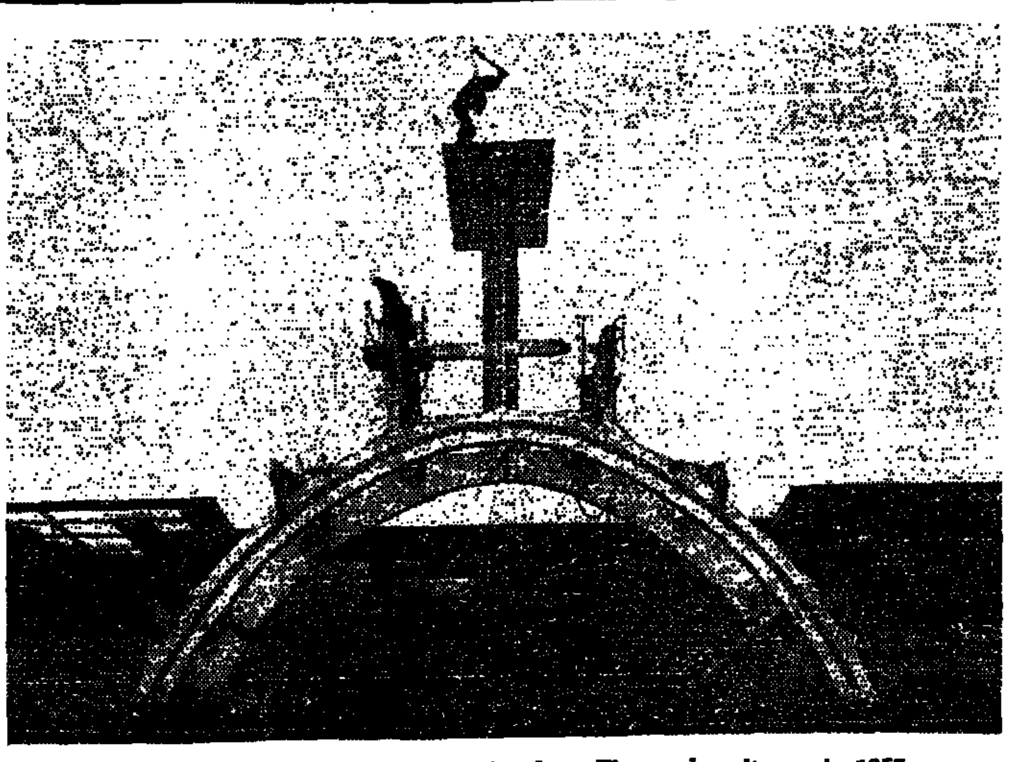
The conditions attached to Government approval of News International's purchase of the newspapers stated to the Commons in January, last year, by Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade, provide, among other points, at 2(iii) that News International shall not "without the consent of a majority of the independent national directors . . . do anything or procure or permit anything to be done which shall result in . . . TNL selling or otherwise disposing of any interest in *The Times* or *The Sunday Times*".

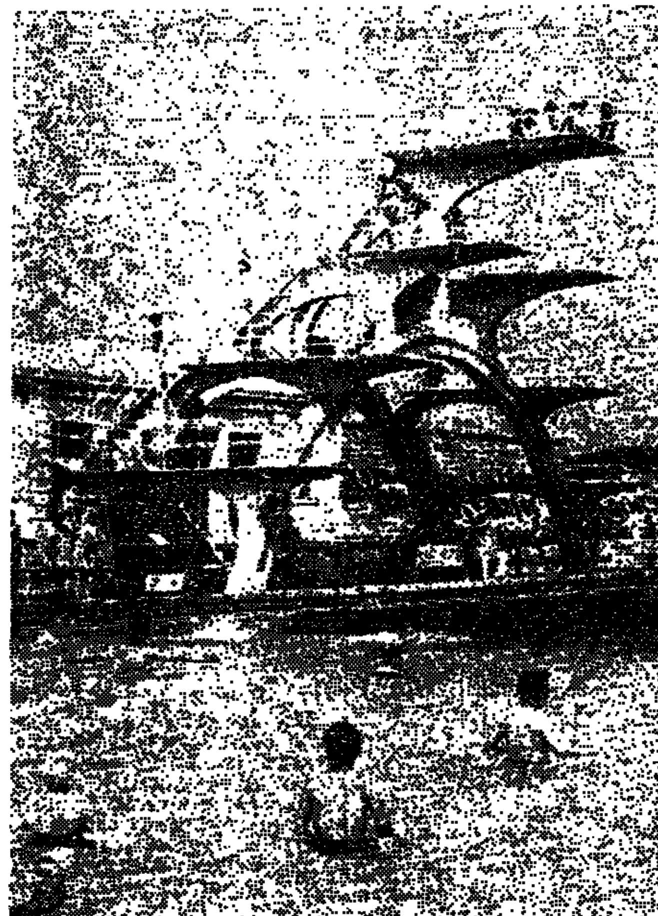
Mr Brittenden said that the view that the transfer of ownership conflicted with that condition was contrary to legal advice given to News International.

Mr Gerald Long, TNL's managing director, was asked earlier this week by the NUJ negotiators at *The Times* to clarify what would be the fate of the titles.

Mr Brittenden said last night: "The titles are still, as they have always been, within the scope of the undertakings given by News International to the minister."

The national directors had now been told.





At work: Demolition under way. At play: The pool as it was in 1957.

Divers lose a touch of style

From Our Correspondent
Weston-super-Mare

Demolition of the listed diving stage at Weston-super-Mare's open air swimming pool has started. What was once considered to be one of the most stylish diving platforms in Britain is to make way for an improvement scheme.

The new look will cost more than £800,000 and means changing the pool into an outdoor leisure centre. A feature will be a small heated pool with a wave machine and a children's paddling pool. There will be a sunbathing area, a children's play area, and possibly a roller-skating rink.

The diving stage was listed last year by the Department of the Environment as being of outstanding interest and design. Woodspring District Council, which owns the pool, had to apply for permission to demolish it.

The pool, which opened in 1937, is to stay closed all this summer for work to continue on the improvement scheme. It is hoped to open again early in the 1983 season.

Lead-free petrol challenge to Thatcher

By George Brock

European regulations should be little or no hindrance to a ban on lead in petrol, CLEAR, the lead-free air campaign, said yesterday in reply to Mrs Margaret Thatcher's defence of the Government's position.

Attacking the Prime Minister's claim that EEC regulations would not allow it and that British car manufacturers would be held back if they were out of line with other European countries, Mr Des Wilson, chairman of CLEAR, said the Prime Minister should take the same attitude over lead in petrol as she took over Britain's budget contribution to the EEC.

"The precedent has been established. The question now is whether she has the same resolve when it comes to mental health as she had when the issue was money", he said.

Japanese car manufacturers had shown that making cars which ran on lead-free petrol was no obstacle to selling in countries which had not moved towards lead-free petrol. "By making cars to run on lead-free petrol (and they will also run on leaded petrol), British car manufacturers will extend their export opportunities."

CLEAR said legal advice suggested that there was no restriction on selling lead-free petrol nor any constraint on making lead-free petrol engines.

"If lead-free petrol was available in Britain about 30 per cent of cars on the road now could run on it. So we could take enormous steps towards lead-free petrol without contravening the EEC regulations', Mr Wilson said.

□ A survey into lead levels among children in Leeds has not shown serious risk to health. The survey, by health officials, monitored 533 children aged under 12, including the children of lead workers.

No serious pollution was found and all groups tested satisfied EEC recommendations. A report on the survey says that there has been a substantial improvement among the children of workers at Chloride Metals, a lead works in Thorpe. A survey of them in November 1979 showed levels above EEC regulations.

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Science report

New hope in fight against cancer

By the Staff of "Nature"

The molecular structure of the last of the three main types of interferon has turned out to be very distinct from that of the other two, raising hopes that gamma interferon will be better able to fight viral disease and cancer than either of its stablemates.

The relatively impure gamma interferon so far available has, in some laboratory tests, seemed to be more active in halting the growth of cells than either alpha or beta interferon. Furthermore, gamma interferon is the kind that predominates in human lymphocytes, cells of the immune system which are thought to play some role in suppressing the growth of tumours. There is therefore some hope that gamma interferon will be more successful in treating cancer than the other interferons.

Consequently there have been feverish attempts, not least among genetic engineering companies, to produce sufficient gamma interferon to put it to the test. A crucial step in that direction has now been taken by Dr David Goeddel and his colleagues at Genentech Inc, of San Francisco, in collaboration with Dr Donald Wallace and Dr Shelby Berger of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland.

Using genetic engineering, they have obtained both bacterial and mammalian cells which can produce gamma interferon while growing in continuing culture. They have also been able to deduce the molecular structure of gamma interferon for the first time.

The structure directly determined by Dr Goeddel and his colleagues is that of the message which passes from the genes of gamma interferon to the machinery of lymphocytes that translates the message into interferon molecules. Since the genetic code in which the message is written is well known, it is a simple matter to deduce the structure of the interferon molecule. That bears little resemblance to that of alpha or beta interferon.

However, Professor Lois Epstein, commenting on the structures in the same issue of *Nature*, claims to have found sufficient similarities to make it less puzzling that the biological activities of all three interferons are virtually indistinguishable. Neither the bacteria nor the mammalian cells are yet producing sufficient gamma interferon for it to be purified and tested clinically.

Source: *Nature*, Vol. 295, Page 503, Feb 11, 1982.

Foot pledge to councils

From David Walker, Sheffield

Labour leaders yesterday pledged radical changes in the "precarious and absurd" legal status of local councils.

Mr Michael Foot, the party leader, and Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP, its environment spokesman, promised big reductions in the role of the district auditor service and its investigations into council finances; a clear statement of councils' rights and power; protection against legal suits by "mean-minded" ratepayers, and the retention of property rating on commerce and industry.

Mr Foot told the party's annual local government conference in Sheffield that a future Labour government would not reverse the present administration's machinery for local rate support grants to benefit high-spending councils. "We cannot allow ourselves to stifle local democracy in the opposite way from the Tories", he said.

Commenting on the Greater London Council cheap fares case, he said: "If we are to restore local democracy we create a situation where local must create a situation where defined powers and limitations.

"A new system of grant must leave local authorities free to set their own levels of expenditure and leave the central government free to determine its contribution to that expenditure. In this way central government will be able to maintain general surveillance of the use of resources by the public sector and at the same time local authorities will be free to make their own decisions."

Mr Kaufman spoke of the need to obey the law, but condoned "resistance" by council tenants to what he calculated was a 39 per cent a year rise in rents since the Conservatives took power.

He stopped short of promising repeal of local legislation introduced by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment.

Assault case 'whitewash'

By Diana Geddes, Education Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor's repudiation of allegations against a stipendiary magistrate involved in the case of a parent's assault on a north London primary school teacher was described yesterday as a whitewash.

Miss Suzanne Puttock, the teacher, said that Mr David Fingleton, stipendiary magistrate at Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court, told her he saw no point in pressing charges, which he regarded as a waste of public money. She said she was told that as a teacher working in the kind of area she did, she should expect to be assaulted another six times over the next 20 years.

Her comments, which were submitted in a written statement to the Lord Chancellor's office, were corroborated in written statements by Mr Brian Jones, deputy head of Highbury Grove school, Islington, and the inner London member of the national executive of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, and Mr Michael Flemming, head of mathematics at Highbury Grove, who were also in court.

Mr Lawrence Norcross, head of Highbury Grove and a member of the London executive of the NAS/UWT, said yesterday that the Lord Chancellor's response to allegations made by three respo[illegible]le graduate teachers was [illegible] specious insulting an[illegible] unsatisfactory. I re[illegible] as a whitewash of the [illegible]istrate".

He said he could not understand how Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone could accept that the magistrates version of events was correct without further questioning the three teachers or Miss Puttock's solicitor and without apparently calling for the contemporaneous note of the proceedings.

Lord Hailsham has written to Mr Michael O'Halloran, Social Democrat MP for Islington, North, saying that the press accounts of Mr Fingleton's alleged statements were "the result of a distorted and an inaccurate report.



Overseas selling prices

Austria Sch 28; Bahrain BD 0.650; Belgium B frs 40; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 125; Cyprus 550 mils; Denmark Dkr 7; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mkk 7.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 80; Holland Gl 3.25; Iran IR 135; Iraq LD 0.500; Irish Republic 30p; Italy L 1800; Jordan LD 0.425; Kuwait KD 0.450; Lebanon LL 4.00; Luxembourg Lf 35; Madeira Esc 75; Malta 30c; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7.50; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 90; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia SR 4.50; Singapore $5.00; Spain Pes 125; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Syria L£5.50; Tunisia Din 0.600; USA $1.50; UAE Dir 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 50

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Diverted oil cargo not 'taken at sea'

Shell International Petroleum Co Ltd v Gibbs (The Salem)

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice May

[Judgment delivered February 12]

Where shipowners and the master, as co-conspirators, loaded a cargo of oil in Kuwait pretending it was for a voyage to Europe but intending to steal it and, pursuant to that intention, discharged most of the oil at Durban, South Africa, there was no "taking at sea" within the meaning of a Lloyd's ship and goods (SG) marine insurance policy.

The Court of Appeal in reserved judgments allowed an appeal by the defendant, Mr Caryl Antony Vaughan Gibbs, from Mr Justice Mustill's judgment on April 9, 1981 ([1981] 2 Lloyd's Rep 316) for the plaintiffs, Shell International Petroleum Co Ltd, on their claim to recover their loss under the SG policy issued by the defendant and his fellow underwriters.

The court held that the plaintiffs could not recover for 180,000 tons of oil discharged at Durban but could recover in respect of 15,000 tons left on the ship and subsequently lost when she was scuttled.

The Lloyd's policy stated: "Touching the adventures and perils which we the assurers are contented to bear . . .: they are of the seas . . . takings at sea . . . barratry of the master and mariners, and of all other perils losses and misfortunes, that have or shall come to the hurt, detriment or damage of the . . . goods and merchandises, and ship . . . or any part thereof".

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted.

Mr John Hobhouse, QC and Mr Michael Dean, QC, for the defendant; Mr Gordon Pollock, QC and Mr Bernard Eder for Shell.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the Salem, a gigantic ship was used for a gigantic fraud. In December 1979 she loaded 195,000 tons of crude oil in the Gulf for carriage from Kuwait to Italy. Going down the east coast of Africa, she changed her name from Salem to Lema.

Then she turned off to Durban and made fast to a single buoy mooring one and a half miles offshore. Most of the oil was pumped through hoses into tank farms ashore, leaving only 15,000 tons in the ship.

The South African importers paid over US $50m into numbered accounts in Switzerland where no one could get at it.

The Salem took in sea water in place of the oil and set off again round the Cape looking as if she still had her full cargo of oil. Off Dakar in Senegal she was scuttled.

The captain, who had a forged Liberian master's certificate and the chief officer were Greek. There was a Tunisian crew of 22.

The crew had been paid substantial "hush money" and went back to Tunisia. The master and chief officer went back to Greece.

Proceedings had been instituted there. His Lordship wondered whether they would ever be completed.

A group of cosmopolitans who had never been caught were behind the gigantic fraud. They seized their opportunity when the Arab countries put an embargo on oil supplies to South Africa in 1979.

South African importers were keen to get oil supplies. The crooks plotted to get oil from Kuwait on the pretence that it was going to Italy and then diverted it to Durban. It was done in the name of limited companies which the crooks used as puppets in order to mount their frauds and escape being discovered.

The Kuwait Oil Company in complete innocence and ignorance of the fraud loaded the oil believing it was to be carried to Italy. The crooked master issued bills of lading for the oil to be delivered in Italy. The cargo was sold to Shell who quite innocently became the owners of the oil.

Shell were the losers. They had paid for 195,000 tons of oil and got none of it. They managed to trace the receivers of the oil in South Africa and got some money out of them. They claimed the substantial balance from the insurers.

The question was whether the loss of the cargo was one of the perils insured against. It was not barratry which occurred only when there was an act done against the owner of the vessel.

Was it a "taking at sea"? His Lordship thought that it was a taking in port as soon as the oil was pumped into the vessel. Since the master gave a bill of lading for it, it was taken by the master and crew as agents of the shipowners in pursuance of a preconcerted design of converting it to their own use. It was larceny by a trick.

The judge thought that there had been a "taking at sea" when the ship turned aside from the direct course to Europe and made for Durban, but there had been no change of possession then.

His Lordship confessed that he had been wrong in *Nishina Trading Co Ltd v Chiyoda Fire and Marine Insurance Co Ltd (The Mandarin Star)* ([1969] 2 QB 449) which had been decided *per incuriam*.

There had been larceny by a trick in port at Mina al Ahmadi in Kuwait and at any rate a "taking" when the oil was pumped ashore at Durban, but no "taking at sea". But so far as the 15,000 tons of oil lost when the Salem was scuttled off Dakar, under clause 8 of the institute cargo clauses, Shell were entitled to look only at the fact that water flooded into the ship and she was lost by "perils of the sea".

LORD JUSTICE KERR agreeing said that he did not think that "takings at sea" could ever have comprised a "taking" by the shipowners as against the cargo owners as had been held in *The Mandarin Star*.

The policy was only intended to cover action by outsiders to the prejudice of the parties' common interest in the adventure (ship, cargo and freight). A "taking at sea" could not apply to a taking by the shipowner of the cargo, but only to a taking by some outsider of both ship and cargo.

There had been no "taking at sea" in the present case. From the moment the oil was pumped on board the shipowners and the master, as co-conspirators, pretended to hold the cargo for order under the bill of lading, but in reality intended to deliver it to South Africa.

The pumping ashore at Durban could not be a "taking at sea". When a vessel was in harbour, let alone discharging cargo, the vessel was obviously not at sea.

LORD JUSTICE MAY, also agreeing, said that he deprecated the mystique which marine insurance had acquired. Lloyd's and other insurers should encourage the recent tendency to redraft insurance policies to provide greater simplicity and certainty.

The Mandarin Star was binding on the court. A "taking" included an assertion of a dominion over the goods constituting the cargo inconsistent with the rights of the cargo owners. There had been a taking of the cargo of oil when there was a wrongful appropriation of it by the shipowners. Before the completion of the adventure there was a substantial *locus poenitentiae* [a chance of repentance].

When the vessel reached Durban and discharged the greater part of her cargo there was a conversion of the oil by the conspirators, an assumption of dominion over the oil inconsistent with the rights of the cargo owners. The transfer of the oil to the shore at Durban was not something which was done "at sea."

Solicitors: Clyde & Co; Elborne Mitchell & Co.

Writing does not invalidate vote

Ruffle v Rogers and Another

Before Lord Denning Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Eveleigh and Lord Justice Watkins

[Judgment delivered February 11]

A ballot paper on which the voter wrote the candidate's name and political party in the appropriate box rather than indicating his preference with a cross, was held to be valid. By including that vote and four others not officially stamped two candidates received an equal number of votes which made the result a tie. Since the court could not cast a lot to determine the successful candidate as the returning officer would do after the count, the election was void and there had to be a new election.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Mr Dudley James Rogers, the Conservative candidate in the local government election for the constituency of Alphington and St Thomas, Exeter, on May 7, 1981 from a decision of the Divisional Court of the Queen's Bench Division on an agreed special case, that a ballot paper marked 'Ruffle Liberal' was a valid vote in favour of the petitioner, Rodney Gerald Ruffle the Liberal candidate, that the election was conducted substantially according to the law, that four ballot papers rejected for want of the official mark affected the result of the election, that the election was void, that Mr Rogers was not duly elected and that a fresh election should be held.

Mr Michael Tugendhat for the Conservative candidate; Mr Ian Karsten for the Liberal candidate; Mr Julian Sandys for the returning officer; Mr Clive Nicholls for the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that on May 7, 1981 there was a local government election in Exeter. A question had arisen as to the validity of one particular ballot paper.

There were four candidates on the ballot paper handed to the voter. On the right hand side after "Ruffle" the voter did not put a cross as he ought to have done. He just wrote in "Ruffle Liberal".

The result of the election as the returning officer recorded it was: Humphries 61, Rich 1066, Rogers 1519 and Ruffle 1517 so he declared Rogers, the Conservative candidate, to be elected.

An objection was taken in the course of the counting to the voter's ballot paper on which was written "Ruffle Liberal". It was overruled by the deputy returning officer, so among Ruffle's counted votes was that voter's ballot paper.

There were several rejected ballot papers including four which had not got the official mark on. Those could be counted if necessary. It was singular that out of the four, one vote was for the Conservative and three for the Liberal.

If those were added Rogers and Ruffle each had 1520 votes so there was a tie. In those circumstances the Conservative objected to the ballot paper marked "Ruffle Liberal", saying it was invalid and if so, he won by one vote.

Mr Tugendhat drew attention to a number of cases from which it appeared that before 1948 a ballot paper so filled in would have been invalid. *Woodward v Sarsons* ((1875) LR 10 CP 733) decided that if a voter wrote the candidate's name in the appropriate place but did not put a cross the ballot paper was bad. Several cases followed that.

So the law stood until the Representation of the People Act 1948 which amended the Ballot Act 1972 and was consolidated in 1949, now reenacted in the Local Elections (Principal Areas) Rules (1973 SI 79). The point arose of whether the cases mentioned were still good law or had been altered by the new rules going back to 1948.

By rule 43 (1) (c) the question was whether there was something written on the ballot paper by which the voter could be identified. If this voter could be identified at all it was only by his handwriting.

Prima facie he could not be identified by his handwriting. By rule 43 (3): "A ballot paper on which a vote is marked — . . . (b) otherwise than by means of a cross . . . shall not by reason thereof be deemed to be void . . . if an intention that the vote shall be for one or other of the candidates clearly appears and the way the paper is marked does not of itself identify the voter and it is not shown that he can be identified thereby."

It was as plain as could be that the vote was intended for Mr Ruffle. Mere handwriting did not identify the voter and it had not been shown that he could be identified.

If that were the right view the new provisions in 1948 altered the preexisting law. The candidate's name in handwriting clearly showed the voter intended to vote for that candidate. He did not obey the regulations.

Not all voters did, but his intention was clear and it would be entirely wrong if his vote were not counted. The vote should not be disqualified or rejected. The deputy returning officer had been right to accept it as valid.

Four papers by mistake were not marked with the official mark. What the voters did was right and their votes ought to be counted. Section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1949 expressly dealt with that situation.

Mr Tugendhat submitted that the addition of those four votes did not affect the result, which was the declaration of the successful candidate by the returning officer.

His Lordship disagreed. When the four rejected papers were put in as they ought to be the result was a tie. After a tie under the rules there had to be a lot. That was not done in this case. If it had been decided by lot it could not be said who would have won.

It was quite clear that the result had been affected by those four votes so the result was not that which was announced on election day but when properly adjusted the result was a tie. The election had to be declared void and a new election held.

Lord Justice Eveleigh and Lord Justice Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Penningtons for Ford Simey & Ford, Exeter; Kenwright & Crosse, Exeter; Sharp, Pritchard & Co for Mr W. A. Burkinshaw, Exeter; Director of Public Prosecutions.

'Don't worry' creates new tenancy

South West Water Authority v Palmer and Another

Before Mr Justice Comyn

[Judgment delivered February 12]

Where the town clerk of a corporation told the defendant "not to worry" that he had only a 364-day agricultural tenancy, as opposed to a yearly tenancy protected under the Agricultural Holdings Act 1948, he was creating a full protected tenancy, Mr Justice Comyn held in the Queen's Bench Division.

Mr Seddon Cripps for the water authority. The defendant in person.

HIS LORDSHIP, in a reserved judgment, said that an action had been brought by the South West Water Authority having succeeded the Plymouth Corporation as the owner-landlords of 3,895 acres of agricultural land in Devon claiming possession of the land from the defendant on the determination of an alleged 364-day tenancy or licence.

The matter of a 364-day tenancy arose under the proviso to section 2 of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1948 and was a device designed to defeat a tenant obtaining a protected tenancy. Such a scheme if truly and properly entered into and carried out was valid.

There was in existence a formal agreement in respect of the tenancy, but it was submitted by the defendant that he had discovered the importance between a 364-day tenancy and a yearly tenancy, and when he addressed his concern to the town clerk a protected tenancy was established by the clerk.

His Lordship was satisfied that what the defendant said did happen. He was worried that a 364-day tenancy was not protected and made a special journey to the town clerk's house and told him about that worry, whereupon the clerk replied "Don't worry" or "Don't worry about that, you worry too much".

There was no doubt that the clerk had authority to bind his corporation on a matter such as that. The clerk did not recall the occasion but was prepared to accept what the defendant said about it. Neither the defendant nor the clerk was able to recall when the meeting took place but in his Lordship's opinion it was probably before the formal agreement was signed.

The meeting was a serious matter and could not be treated as meaningless as the plaintiffs suggested. The conversation was contractual and conferred a yearly protected tenancy on the defendants. What else could the words "Don't worry" mean? There was no other meaning.

The town clerk was giving the defendant a formal reassurance not to worry about what was worrying him; namely only having a 364-day tenancy. They both contemplated as a result of the conversation a protected yearly tenancy. The conversation could not have been in contemplation of anything else. Mere reassurance would have been meaningless.

Solicitor: Mr Quentin L. Gray, Exeter.

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Fowler to seek private health cash for NHS

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

A growing partnership between the National Health Service and private health care is being sought by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services.

It is understood that the minister wants links to be forged in several different directions, and intends to bring about an irreversible shift in the relationship between private and public health systems.

The Government is expected to demand that private hospitals and clinics should make a hard cash contribution towards the training of nurses recruited from the NHS.

That money could then be used to improve conditions for NHS nurses, for whom the department is trying to find a new pay determination system.

It is also thought that the NHS could benefit directly from opening private facilities to high-risk NHS patients whenever spare capacity is available.

It is part of the case for private medicine that the alternative system takes pressure off the public health service. Such arguments would be reinforced if ministers could use private health facilities for NHS patients.

Government sources also indicate that there is scope for putting private capital into the NHS from the sale of surplus hospital land. It is thought that funds raised in that way could be used directly to bolster health care locally.

The department is to be asked to survey hospital land and it is estimated that £20m could be raised in that way. Central city sites, where old hospitals need replacement, could also be sold and the profits used to build modern substitutes elsewhere.

Well-informed sources suggest that the political impetus behind such moves was described in last Monday's leading article in *The Times*. This said: "The proper location of the boundary between public and private industry is one of the Government's most important and hitherto least successful areas of operation. It ought to show greater determination in its efforts to push on with privatization."

The Government has been at pains to emphasize that since it took office in 1979 it has increased real health service spending by 5 per cent and that in the coming year it will increase by a further 1.5 per cent in real terms.

It is a message which the public has been reluctant to accept. But it is believed that perhaps more tangible although financially marginal efforts to forge links between the private and public sectors of medicine would have a greater public impact.

The point is also not lost on ministers that such moves could hardly be taken as the actions of a hardline right-wing administration, if only because they would appear to reflect to some extent tentative policy steps taken by the Social Democrat-Liberal Alliance.

Benefit plea on asbestos disease victims

By David Nicholson-Lord

A government-prompted inquiry into industrial disease caused by asbestos is likely to recommend broadening the categories of qualifying illness so that more workers are awarded public compensation.

The inquiry, by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council, was set up in the face of growing concern that anomalies in social security legislation were leading to legitimate cases of asbestos-related illness or death being refused awards by pneumoconiosis panels. It is likely to report later this year.

Among the rules it is considering is that which prevents benefit being granted for effects on the pleura, or lung linings, as opposed to the lung itself. Representations from a former head of the Medical Research Council's pneumoconiosis unit led to the setting up of the inquiry in the summer of 1980.

Mr Reg Prentice, who was then Minister of State for Social Security, gave among his reasons for its establishment the "substantial body of evidence available on the relationship between asbestos exposure and lung cancer". The inquiry is broadly concerned with asbestos disease where asbestosis, the main condition which qualifies a worker for benefit, is not present.

However, critics have said that refusing benefit for pleural effects, notably a condition known as diffuse pleural thickening, is an absurdity, since there are examples of workers going on to make successful legal claims for damages from their employers.

Mrs Nancy Tait, secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Asbestosis and Industrial Disease, said yesterday that about three-quarters of applicants for benefit were rejected by panels, 357 out of 485 in 1978. She estimated that in half those cases the reason for rejection was that the effects were confined to the pleura.

The Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday that it did not normally fund publications by researchers, but the Cheetham report was felt to be of value to social services departments, so help had been offered with publishing the report.

The department was spending £80,000 in 1981-82 on health and social services research and development work inthe field of ethnic minorities.

Social Work Services for Ethnic Minorities in Britain and the USA (Juliet Cheetham, Department of Social and Administrative Studies, Oxford University, £2.50)

Mr J. Keen, from the Isle of Arran, at Cruft's yesterday handling a pointer, Isle of Arran Larch.

A champion with no chance of winning

Thousands of people converged on Earl's Court, west London, yesterday to begin a three-day ritual of obeisance to man's best friend (Tony Samstag writes). It was fitting, in the Chinese Year of the Dog, that for the first time in its history Cruft's Dog Show, the eighty-sixth, should have added and extra day, including the show's first international obedience competition.

The most noteworthy beast yesterday stood no chance of winning anything. It had no breeding to speak of and a happy-go-lucky lolloping manner that scores no points in the dour regard of the average connoisseur of borzois, briards and rottweilers. In short, the day's champion was a mongrel, Favour by name.

Little was known about it except that it was on the young side, male, and until a week or so ago homeless. Plucked from the gutter by an animal welfare group, it had been given a three-day crash course in certain modes of behaviour that have about as much to do with the requirements of Cruft's as with a colloquium on trained seals, and was presented yesterday to an instantly adoring public.

Favour is the first of what is hoped will be an army of "hearing aid" dogs for the deaf. Based on an American scheme, using American money under the auspices of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf, the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf programme trains dogs of almost any breed or mixture of breeds, preferably strays which would otherwise be destroyed, to respond to up to nine different sounds, from a doorbell to a smoke detector.

Favour had not had long to master what is usually a four-month course. It had been recruited so hastily because quarantine laws did not allow the American sponsors to import fully trained animals for the show. It had mastered the earliest squeaky ball routines, however, and was showing definite promise.

Elsewhere in the vast auditorium it was business as usual: a hubbub of enthusiastic human voices punctuated by surprisingly few yaps, bellows, and whines.

More help sought for ethnic groups

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent

Positive discrimination in favour of ethnic minorities to combat disproportionate inequalities is recommended in the report of a social services study.

Mrs Juliet Cheetham, lecturer in applied social studies at Oxford University, says the special needs of ethnic minorities have been ignored by social workers.

"The fact now has to be faced that in Britain, as in America, black families will be heavily represented among the poorest and most disadvantaged citizens, perhaps for generations", Mrs Cheetham writes.

"The frustrations and bitterness of chronic poverty in a relativley affluent society need no rehearsing and clearly increase the need for social services and social work. The demand however may not increase because of ignorance about available services, distaste for their style of delivery and a reluctance to go outside the family."

Ethnic minorities' special circumstances cannot be served by the usual operation of the welfare services, but need extra resources, Mrs Cheetham says.

She identifies four areas for social services to consider. First, 78 per cent of the black population is concentrated in districts containing the most overcrowded and lowest quality housing.

Second, alienation and a drift to petty delinquency are likely effects of disproportionate unemployment among young blacks. Third, more ethnic minority women with young children go out to work and need substitute care for them; and finally, difficulties with adolescents can be expected because of cultural conflict with the host society.

Mrs Cheetham's study involved visits to 18 social services departments in areas where more than 8 per cent of the population were born in the new Commonwealth, or where 20 per cent of live births in 1977 were to mothers from the new Commonwealth. Thirty statutory and voluntary agencies in the United States were also visited to provide social services administrators and practitioners with information and ideas for developing services.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Dartmoor governor criticized

Prison officers at Dartmoor have passed a vote of no confidence in Mr Reginald Skelton, the prison governor. (Our Exeter Correspondent writes).

Mr Brian Benwell, chairman of the Prison Officers' Association branch said yesterday that, apart from five abstentions, none of the 150 staff opposed the vote of no confidence in Mr Skelton, who took over in the Autumn.

He also said that there had been drastic changes in disciplinary methods at the prison since Mr Skelton took charge from Mr Colin Heald, his predecessor, who took a strict line.

"Of course we realize the governor must use his discretion when it comes to discipline but this situation is having quite a serious effect on morale among staff", Mr Benwell said.

The Home Office said last night: "If a Prison Officers' Association branch wants to complain about the conduct of a governor there are channels through which such complaints can be formally made and no such compaints have been received in respect of the govenor of Dartmoor."

Move to check sex film clubs

A loophole in the law enabling bogus commercial cinema clubs specializing in pornographic films to avoid the cinema licensing requirements came a step nearer to being closed when the Cinematograph Bill was given its second reading in the Commons yesterday. The private member's Bill, introduced by Mr Peter Lloyd, Conservative MP for Fareham, is supported by the Government and has a chance of reaching the statute book.

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Inquiry clears police chief

Mr David Hall, Chief Constable of Humberside, has been cleared of allegations of misconduct after an investigation by another chief constable.

The Humberside Police Authority said yesterday that the allegations had not been substantiated and the conclusion of the investigating officer had been accepted by the police authority.

£210,000 mental health bonus

The government has given to three mental health charities £210,000 as an extra grant for the past financial year (Lucy Hodges writes). Mencap, the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, and MIND, the National Association for Mental Health will receive £100,000 each. The remainder will go to the National Schizophrenia Fellowship.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said that £25,000 of the Mencap money would help it to launch its Homes Foundation Scheme under which parents could provide for the life-time care of mentally handicapped children.

Skeletons found at ancient church site

Workmen digging in the town centre at Stamford, Lincolnshire, have uncovered the site of an ancient church. Excavations have disclosed 10 skeletons a burial ground adjoining St Clements, a pre-Norman conquest church.

Private railway cuts

West Somerset railway, said to be the longest privately owned line in Britain, will cut services by a fifth this summer to try to halt expected losses of £20,000 this year.

All-round talent sought

By Christopher Warman, Arts Correspondent

The National Maritime Museum has a vacancy for a trainee, but not everyone need apply, for it is for a globe conservator who will need "an exceptional mixture" of talents, according to Miss Gillian Lewis, head of conservation at the museum.

The successful applicant for this post must be a skilled and practical person, with an interest in precision instruments and mathematics and possibly some wood working experience.

The museum's collection of historic globes, dating from the mid-sixteenth century, is one of the largest in the world and includes some rare examples of both terrestial and celestial globes, many of which have structural damage which requires attention.

Because of this need, and because globe conservation techniques have yet to be fully developed, the museum has decided to establish a research traineeship based at Greenwich.

The idea for the traineeship came from Miss Lewis, and the Leverhulme trust has given the museum a grant to finance the four-year training, amouting to about £30,000. Help has also been received from the Radcliffe Trust and Phillips, the auctioneers, to begin equipping a studio for the treatment of the globes.

The student appointed will serve an apprenticeship, working on paper conservation and structural reinforcement, and studying the history and ancient technology of globes in the Greenwich and other collections. Part of the time will be spent at the conservation department of the National Library of Vienna, which has a large collection, to gain experience of other methods of globe treatment.

Miss Lewis expained that as well as the museum, other bodies such as the National Trust and the Victoria and Albert Museum experienced difficulty in having these impressive objects properly restored without losing their historic interest.

Mortgage cost plea is rejected

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent

The Government is not prepared to intervene in the method proposed by building societies for implementing an Inland Revenue economy measure which, it is claimed, will increase monthly mortgage payments and will have serious effects on young first-time housebuyers.

Mr Jock Bruce-Gardyne, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, told the Commons yesterday that the necessary legislation to carry out the proposals, which will save about 1,000 revenue staff, will be introduced in the Finance Bill after the Budget on March 9.

Mr George Cunningham, Independent Labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury, said during a short debate that the proposals meant that from April, 1983, borrowers should pay the net and not the gross amount on loans to the society and the society would recover the tax relief from the revenue.

While welcoming the change, he said some unfortunate consequences would follow if it was carried out in the way that the Government and the societies intended. The burden on borrowers would be made heavier to a significant extent at a time when the borrower was least able to bear it and would impose a considerable extra charge on those buying for the first time.

But Mr Bruce-Gardyne told the House that it would not be right for the Government to intervene to regulate the manner in which the societies conducted their business with borrowers. He felt that the new system would be more fair because the tax that the borrower had to pay would no longer be deferred.

The Societies had made clear that if borrowers found themselves in difficulties in the early years of a mortgage because of the new system their local managers would be authorized to help in any way that they could.

THAMES TV CAPTURES YARWOOD

By Kenneth Gosling

After 10 years with the BBC, Mike Yarwood has signed a two-year contract with Thames Television to do six half-hour shows a year.

Thames described the signing yesterday as a welcome and valuable capture. Mr Yarwood, who has made his name with impressions of Sir Harold Wilson, Sir Robin Day and Mr Brian Clough, said he was pleased to be joining Thames, which would allow him to make programmes for the United States and Australia.

This is the second light entertainment act Thames has attracted from the BBC. The first was Morecambe and Wise. "He will add even more strength to our light entertainment department", Thames said. Mr Yarwood joins the company later this year.

Norwich gives in

Norwich City Council has decided not to ask the House of Lords to overturn a ruling in the Court of Appeal allowing Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, to take over the sale of council houses.

Pope's Toxteth visit defended

From John Chartres, Manchester

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Rev Derek Worlock said yesterday that the Pope's absolute safety could not be guaranteed during his British visit in May.

Mgr Worlock said: "I do not think anyone could give an absolute guarantee in any part of the world. Every possible precaution will be taken which also meets the Pope's desire to meet people. It would be no good him driving around in an armoured car and he would not want to do that."

Mgr Worlock who is responsible for the organization in the northern province of England, defended the decision to take the Pope through the Toxteth area of Liverpool.

He said it was on the most direct route from the city's airport, where the Pope's helicopter will land from Coventry on Sunday, May 30, to both the Anglican and Roman Catholic cathedrals, where the day's most important events will take place.

He said the Pope would not be touring Toxteth. There had been no good reason to avoid the area.

He said the Pope knew about the rioting in the area last summer and this aspect of the Pope's 14-mile route through Liverpool had been discussed with Vatican security officials.

The Archbishop responded to the preface of the 1982 Church of England Year Book, published on Thursday, which said that if the Pope's visit was badly handled, it could "bring to ferment the residential anti-Roman feeling which lies not far below the surface in many people who would never subscribe to the Protestant societies". That would be an ecumenical disaster, the preface said.

Mgr Worlock said the theme of the Pope's visit to the area would be reconciliation between the churches.

"We are entering something without precedent. There are a whole number of imponderables. I believe the welcome by Christian leaders so far to the Pope's visit puts us in fair heart that it will valuable occasion for the whole country and not just for our community.

☐ Twenty Protestant churchmen have signed a letter of protest to the Prime Minister opposing what they say is a "systematic attempt" to upgrade the status of the Pope's visit by the establishment of full diplomatic relations between Britain and the Holy See (Clifford Longley writes).

The Church of Rome, the letter says, wished to "establish itself politically in the life of the country" and to obtain a strong and influential position.

Action on housing demanded

By Hugh Clayton Environment Correspondent

Councils are doing too little to improve the lives of tenants in run-down estates, Sir George Young, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, said yesterday. The cost of some improvements could be recovered in rent from tenants who would occupy empty buildings if they were made more attractive, he said.

Sir George called for help for tenants trapped in undesirable homes which they could not afford to buy. Such homes were often modern estates which sometimes had to be demolished only 20 years after they opened. Such tenants saw their estates "sinking into a spiral of neglect with problems of all-night parties, fouled lifts, graffiti in the lobby and so on".

Sir George told a conference of the Institute of Housing's London branch: "The final solution has already been applied to some blocks with the demolition of what had been intended to put an end to housing need and last well into the next century."

Some inner-London boroughs had housing staff and even policmen based permanently on large estates and had covered the cost of such operations by letting previously empty houses and flats.

WOMAN OF 86 BEATEN BY RAIDER

A man who inflicted "terrible" injuries on a partially sighted woman aged 86 in a burglary at her home was jailed for five years by Swindon Crown Court yesterday.

Thomas Lamb Anderson was told by Judge Mark Dyer: "Old ladies maintaining their own separate lives in advanced age in their own homes are going to get the protection of this court. People who go into their houses to burgle them should know that before they start."

The court was told that Mrs Winifred Leigh, of Trowbridge, Wiltshire, suffered two black eyes, a broken nose and facial bruising when Anderson attacked her in her home on November 12 last year. She dislocated an elbow when she fell after the attack and it was not until the next afternoon that she was found, by a home help. She was suffering from hypothermia.

Anderson, unemployed, of North Way, Trowbridge, pleaded guilty to the burglary and inflicting grievous bodily harm. His plea of not guilty to robbery was accepted. He was sentenced to four years and a further 12 months consecutively for breaking a community service order imposed for burglary offences.

Mr Patrick Hooton, for the prosecution, said Anderson had been drinking before he entered Mrs Leigh's home and began taking money. He attacked her in a blind panic knocking down a garden fence as he fled.

Mr Alastair Malcolm, for the defence, said Anderson was terrified of returning to Horfield prison, Bristol, where he had been threatened and attacked by other prisoners.



Minister gets on his bike

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport (above), cycles along a converted disused railway which could pave the way for hundreds of miles of cycle paths around Britain.

Mr Clarke took his five-mile ride along a section of the old Bristol to Bath line as consultants recommended that 600 miles of railway could be converted to bicycle tracks by young people on the Youth Opportunities Programme.

Mr Clarke welcomed the plan, but said the Government would not finance it. "Each conversion will depend on local initiative."

TOMB USED FOR BLACK MAGIC

From Our Correspondent Liverpool

A boy's body was desecrated when a family mausoleum was used for black magic rites, a vicar said yesterday. Candles were lit, fires burnt and an altar set up in the vault at Crossens, near Southport, Merseyside.

The Rev Roy Baker, who found evidence of the ritual at St John's churchyard, said the body was that of Robert Scarisbrick, who died, aged 14, in 1913. It had been well-preserved in a lead coffin encased in two wooden coffins, which had been forced open.

Mr Baker said: "The body had been desecrated and indications of sinister intent were found. Human ashes had been scattered from their containers, candles were found on and near the corpse and fires had been lit. In the chapel above the vault a crude altar had been built against the wall of the sanctuary.

"It is more than likely that a crude attempt has been made to meddle with some form of black magic."

Father jailed for crushing baby

A part-time weightlifter who crushed his baby daughter until she screamed, breaking nine of her ribs, was jailed for three years by Southend Crown Court yesterday.

Damon Bines, aged 21, of Goldmer Close, Shoeburyness, Essex, had admitted maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm on his daughter, Nicky, aged three months, who later died of a head injury which was not the subject of criminal proceedings.

Motor cycle firms take on safety lobby

By Our Political Correspondent

The motor cycle industry, with 2,500 dealers and an annual turnover of between £250m and £350m a year, has decided to take a more aggressive line to counteract the Westminster and Whitehall safety lobbies.

A confidential report written for the Institute of Motor Cyclists, a manufacturers' and dealers' public relations organization, discloses that the industry is mounting two seperate propaganda exercises.

The institute has commissioned a freelance statistician "to undertake a preliminary study of available statistics and the interpretations that can be used to support our primary contention that motor cycles are considerably safer than the bare statistics suggest."

It has also started a three-month survey of press cuttings involving the death or injury of motor cycle riders or car drivers under the age of 24. Car accident case histories will be compiled and "any deviation from the expected proportions" of death or injury will be noted for possible use in the campaign to defend the motor cycle against its critics.

A classic example of the industry's public relations problem came in the Commons this week, when Mr Barry Sheerman, Labour MP for Huddersfield, East, said that "according to many experts, parents who allow their son or daughter to buy a motor cycle are encouraging them to take up a more dangerous pursuit than to be a Spitfire pilot in 1940".

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Under-Secretary for Transport, said the Government had taken safety precautions in last year's Transport Act. The measures include the introduction on March 29 of a two-part learners' test, a 125 cc limit on learner riders from next October and two-year provisional licenses which will lapse for one year if riders fail or do not take tests.

The minister said this week: "In terms of casualty figures per mile travelled the figures are improving, but they are still very bad compared with all other vehicles. It is 30 times more dangerous to be a motor cyclist than to drive any other vehicle".

Mr Sheerman, chairman of the parliamentary committee on safety, said yesterday: "The industry is so worried about the safety lobby because the Japanese sausage machine is in full swing; the warehouses are full of bikes".

The industry's concern is reflected in the institute's report for last November, which points out that a national newspaper report on safety, did not help "with sales already depressed by about 15 per cent in comparison with last year's figures".

Mr Michael Evans, the author of the report, said that the accident rate had dropped by 20 per cent over the past five years. "It's not all black; it is positive. We want to put this into perspective. There is no attempt to pull the wool over anyone's eyes. We just do not believe the situation is as bad as it is so often portrayed."

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Portuguese strike falls flat

Lisbon. — Portugal's first general strike, called by the communist-led trade union federation, the CGTP-IN, against government economic policy, appeared to collapse as its opponents reported most people turning up for work.

A rival union federation, the socialist UGTP, said the strike was a political manoeuvre aimed at disrupting democratic processes.

Most support came from between 60 and 90 per cent of production workers in industry, union spokesmen at factories said, although most white collar staff turned up for work.

Lisbon's underground railway and tram services were halted, but the Government laid on extra buses and hired 500 taxis to cover the routes.

Ayatollah's old home destroyed

Neauphle-le-Chateau, France. — A bomb and fire destroyed the former home-in-exile of Ayatollah Khomeini, from which he directed the uprising that overthrew the Shah in 1979.

No one claimed responsibility but an effigy of the Ayatollah was found hanging from a tree in the garden.

French explain arms sales



Paris.—M Charles Hernu (above), the Defence Minister, said that French arms sales reflected the new orientation of foreign policy since the left came to power.

He was referring to the support given to left-wing governments and liberation movements in Latin America, including sales of helicopters and escort vessels to Nicaragua.

Finnish coalition

Helsinki: — President Mauno Koivisto asked the Social Democratic leader, Mr Kalevi Sorsa, to form a new four-party coalition government.

Back to Siberia

Moscow. — Miss Lydia Vashchenko, the Soviet Pentecostalist, left the American Embassy here to return to her home at Chernogorsk in Siberia. She said she would apply again for permission to emigrate.

Schmidt talks Nato into summit switch

From Patricia Clough, Bonn, Feb 12

The West German Government, anxious to demonstrate its attachment to the Western Alliance, has persuaded its partners to hold the Nato summit this summer in Bonn instead of Brussels.

Herr Kurt Becker, the Government spokesman announced today that the 15-nation summit, which President Reagan will attend, will be held here on June 10, four days after the seven-nation economic summit at Versailles. The government "very much welcomes" its partners consent to a change of venue.

Herr Becker said that President Reagan would arrive in Bonn on the evening of June 9, and was expected to have bilateral talks with West German leaders before the summit.

Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign minister is understood to have put the idea to Mr Alexander Haig, the United States Secretary of State, during the Conference on European Security and cooperation in Madrid on Monday. First Mr Reagan agreed to the change and other Nato governments followed suit.

Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Chancellor, last night warned West German and American politicians not to over-emphasise the current differences between Bonn and Washington on alliance policy.

Addressing the German-American Parliamentary Group, he said there had often been differences between the two Governments in the past but they had always been overcome because the relationship was based on the same values and security interests.

□ The Soviet Union would retain 300 SS20, each with three warheads, while preventing the United States from introducing the planned new Pershing 2 and cruise missiles, if the Soviet proposals at the Geneva arms control negotiations on intermediate-range nuclear missiles were accepted. Based on the Soviet claim to existing equality, it would result in the achievement of complete Soviet nuclear superiority in Europe, (Frederick Bonnart writes).

According to Allied officials who were briefed at Nato headquarters today by the American duputy chief negotiator. The Soviet calculation includes the British and French independent nuclear deterrent forces, as well as the American aircraft and missiles in Europe with a range exceeding 600 miles.

Against this, the Soviet side only count their own landbased missile, the SS20, as well as the older remaining SS4 and SS5 which they are replacing.

□ Washington: The Reagan Administration has dropped plans to "superharden" silos for the first 40 MX missiles, the new generation of improved, more accurate nuclear weapons, which form a crucial part of the President's strategic defence programme, (Nicholas Hirst writes).

Defence and White House officials said yesterday that, as a temporary measure, the missiles would be placed in silos now occupied by inferior Minuteman weapons.

Petrol bombing reflects Polish street tension

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw, Feb 12

A polish youth has tried to blow up the statue of Felix Dzherzinsky, the Polish founder of the Soviet secret police, in a central Warsaw square, according to a brief report in *Trybuna Ludu*, the party organ.

Never the most popular statue in Warsaw, Dzherzinsky has been the target of several attacks in the past, the most common being the daubing of red paint on his hands.

The official report said that a student identified only as Marek M. had been arrested after a petrol bomb was thrown at the monument on Wednesday and would be tried in a summary court.

The incident reflects the present tension in the capital: students have returned to the capital, many shoppers are finding that money for food is running out, and tomorrow will be exactly eight weeks from the declaration of martial law.

Diplomats returning from Gdansk say that a protest is planned there, to be staged by women and children in the hope that this will deter riot police.

In Warsaw on Thursday night a column of 130 militia and army lorries drove continuously back and forth with lights flashing and sirens sporadically wailing.

□ The International Red Cross has inspected a fourth Polish internment centre Red Cross officials said here yesterday (AFP reports).

They were able to talk to 178 men with no Polish officials present, and said some 180 food packages had been delivered to the centre.

□ Washington: The United States International Communication Agency said today more than 172 million people in 42 countries had seen at least 30 minutes of its television programme, *Let Poland be Poland* (Reuter reports).

Romanians tell Haig to pursue détente

From Dessa Trevisan, Bucharest, Feb 12

Romania is to press strongly for resumption of the East-West dialogue, arguing that continuing tension would inevitably require greater discipline in the Soviet block during the talks with Mr Alexander Haig, the American Secretary of State.

Mr Haig arrived here today as part of a tour which included Spain, Portugal and Morocco. He will have talks with Mr Stefan Andrei, the Romanian Foreign Minister, and President Ceausesou.

Coming at this particular time the visit to Romania contrasts the attitude the Administration has adopted towards Moscow and Warsaw over the imposition of martial law in Poland.

But it is part of United States policy to differentiate between various Soviet block countries whereby each is dealt with on its own merit. Romania in this respect obviously highly regarded by the Administration. This is symbolic recognition for its extraordinary diplomatic talent in pursuing a distinct foreign policy and always to emerge with credit.

Romania maintains that Poland should be allowed to settle its own problems, but it has also condemned Western sanctions against Warsaw and Moscow on the basis that this was interference in their internal affairs.

The Romanian view is that nuclear disarmament is the key issue, and that East and West should not let Poland stand in the way of disarmament talks. This they intend to press in their talks with Mr Haig, though they have no hopes of making any real impact in Washington.

But like some other East European countries, Romania fears that the sanctions imposed against Russia might provide an excuse to discipline the Warsaw Pact, and this would clearly be something Romania does not wish.

Last year Moscow considerably increased oil deliveries to Romania at current world market prices at a time when Romania has had considerable difficulties with its trade balance and when imports were drastically cut.

The result according to figures just published has been a 13 per cent increase in exports which is a spectacular rise in hard currency earnings.

American-Romanian relations have been maintained throughout the past two decades despite the problems arising from the human rights campaigns, especially in the 1970s. Romania's most favoured nation status in trade with the United States is subject to annual review.

Clearly this too will be one of the topics in the talks with Mr Haig, especially as Romania also is having to face the problem of repaying the debts which according to some Western estimates amount to $150m (£81m).

Princely occasion: Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands joking with the Duke of Edinburgh and Frau Schubert, wife of a brewery manager, at the Frankfurt Opera ball.

Duke braves protest at Opera

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn, Feb 12

A stone thudded into the Duke of Edinburgh's black Mercedes car as he arrived for a glittering, celebrity-packed ball at Frankfurt Opera House last night amid the protests of about 1,000 demonstrators.

The Duke, who was in the car at the time, was not hurt. He alighted as if nothing had happened and entered the Opera House to be greeted by a barrage of photographers flashes.

The demonstrators, from behind railings and a human wall of policemen, threw stinkbombs, a few stones and chanted protest slogans and insults as the bejewelled and befurred guests arrived for a gala charity ball in aid of the World Wildlife Fund. (WWF). No-one was hurt.

Some were protesting against the pomp and extravagance of the event, for which guests has paid from £66 to £120 a head. Others were opponents of a third runway for Frankfurt airport, which is being driven through the last remaining forest in the area despite bitter resistance from local people and ecologists.

It was the first ball in the huge, ornate Frankfurt Opera House since it was rebuilt after the bombing of the last war. Among the 2,600 guests were Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, and many show-business and society personalities.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who is president of the World Wildlife Fund, had spent the previous day visiting mudflats on the north Frisian coast, where the West German branch of the Fund is opposing plans by the Schleswig-Holstein Government to build two dykes.

Reagan appointee quits State Department

From Nicholas Hirst Washington, Feb 12

Mr Myer Rashish has resigned as Under-Secretary for Economic Affairs at the State Department after a series of disagreements over the past few months with Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State.

Mr Rashish has not yet been replaced. Mr Haig is known to want to put Mr Robert Hormats, the present Assistant Secretary for Economics and Business, in the post but there has been strong opposition from conservative Republicans.

Speculation that Mr Rashish would resign has been rife, but the fact that he had actually gone did not become known until yesterday, when Mr David Gergen, a White House spokesman, released an exchange of letters between Mr Rashish and President Reagan. Since he was a presidential appointee, only the President could accept his resignation.

Mr Rashish asked to resign in a letter dated January 12, President Reagan replied on January 22 and the resignation took effect on January 20.

Differences between Mr Rashish and Mr Haig first arose during preparations for the Ottawa economic summit last year. There was critcism that Mr Rashish was a thinker rather than an organizer and did not prepare briefing documents to Mr Haig's liking.

The conservative opposition to Mr Hormats is based on the belief that his views on international economic affairs and foreign aid are not sufficiently close.

ENGLAND'S CHESS LEAD INCREASED

By Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent

At the end of round 4 in the West European zonal chess tournament at Marbella, Spain, English players were in the sole lead in both preliminary groups. It already seems almost certain that they will qualify for the top final section.

Nigel Short leads in Group A with 3½ points as a result of a quick win over the Spanish master Gallego.

Other results in this round: McNab (Scotland) ½, Ligterink (Netherlands) ½; Doyle (Ireland) 1, Gomez (Andora) 0; Fernandez (Spain) 0, Serat (France) 1; and Langeweg (Netherlands) ½, Van der Wiel (Netherlands) ½. Nunn of England had a bye.

The young English player Mark Hebden leads in Group B with 3½ points after having beaten the Belgian master Meulders in 24 moves. Mestel and Stean, both of England, are sharing second place with 2½ points.

Stars tell a tale of change for EEC

From Ian Murray Brussels, Feb 12

Mr Gaston Thorn, President of the European Commission was born under Virgo, and that is a happy sign for Europe. This is the finding of one of the leading astrologers in France, Mme Elizabeth Teissier du Cros, in a secret nine-page horoscope drawn up for Mr Thorn two and a half months ago.

The period between 1981 and 1984 — which happens to coincide with the time Mr Thorn can expect to be in office — will be a period of profound and even brutal change," she says. "There is an urgent need for general awareness of this, and it falls to you to deal with it. Fortunately for all of us, you seem to be both an open and lucid man."

Mme Teissier, a former model with Coco Chanel, met Mr Thorn at the Frankfurt Book Fair last October when she offered, and he accepted, her horoscope on Europe in the years ahead.

The report was completed on November 23, just before the ill-fated London summit, but it was not available to the Commission President when he set off to attend that unfruitful meeting. It appears that the world is now in one of the most critical periods of 1982. The other danger months are July and November.

From next autumn Mr Thorn has to expect the most worrying period of all, with social violence starting on September 21 because of the conjunction of Mars and Uranus. That bad patch will be followed by difficulties caused by the new moon from October 16, culminating in a very unhappy first fortnight of November brought about by the first conjunction of Saturn with Pluto for 33 years.

Not all is gloomy for Mr Thorn. He is advised to look forward to happy events which could occur on March 1 and July 23 while petroleum talks could have a fortunate outcome on Mach 11.

Herr Helmut Schmidt, a Capricorn who is also West Germen Chancellor, is also analysed. He is warned of heart and urinary tract problems, but is t ld to look forward confidently to 1984, when he is next due to face the electorate.

President Reagan, an Aquarian, is warned that February and March will be particularly difficult, and that his life could be in danger then.



Mme Teisser: Beware July and November.

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Government backs curb on cinema clubs

PORNOGRAPHY

The number of bogus cinema clubs in Britain was growing rapidly and showing increasingly sadistic, violent, and pornographic films. They avoided fire and safety restrictions and many were potential death traps, Mr Peter Lloyd (Fareham, C) said when moving the second reading of his Cinematograph Bill.

The Bill would close a loophole in the Cinematograph Act of 1952, increasingly exploited by bogus commercial cinema "Clubs", mainly in the Soho area of London, to avoid the cinema licensing requirements.

Under the Bill, these "clubs", which specialized in showing pornographic films, would be brought under the fire and safety regulations of the 1909 and 1952 Cinematograph Acts, and the censorship requirements imposed as a condition of a cinema licence under the control of the British Board of Film Censors and the local government licensing authority.

It would ensure that exhibitions which were given using video equipment were subject to the Cinematograph Acts in the same way as those given using film projection equipment. The maximum penalty on summary conviction would be raised from £200 at present to £1,000, and courts enabled to order the forfeiture of equipment where someone was convicted of giving an unlicensed exhibition. The Bill would also reform the current provisions in respect of offences, powers of entry, inspection and appeals.

The kind of bona fide organizations originally intended to be excluded from the legislation — political, educational, charitable and sporting groups — would remain exempt. The legislation would not apply to non-profit making organizations.

Licensing would apply to film or video premises — whether or not they claimed to be "clubs" — if they were run for private gain. This would be the test. Guidance and regulations for licensing authorities could be provided by the Home Secretary.

At present the loophole in the law was being increasingly exploited by cinemas or video lounges masquerading as private clubs. They were difficult to prosecute — the Metropolitan Police had advised on this — and light penalties meant they could easily continue business after prosecution.

The new legislation was urgent as the number of bogus clubs was growing rapidly — with about 70 in London now as opposed to possibly 60 a year ago, and there had been increases outside London too. The advance in video technology had made this a very profitable area.

The bulk of interest of these clubs was pornographic films — ranging from relatively acceptable heterosexual sex between consenting adults to homosexual encounters, to various connections between men, women and animals and minority practices. There was a great increase in sadism and violence on film, which was causing worry to the British Board of Film Censors.

This led the Williams Committee, established under the last Government, to urge that the clubs be brought under licensing arrangements.

Certain martial arts films deliberately dwelled on sadistic pleasure in pain, mutilation and death. Women who were shown resisting multiple rape were later shown as welcoming the experience, which could have a dangerous effect on the threshold of violence among the male audience. Some films showed torture.

It was imperative that district councils should be given the power to licence cinemas run for private gain, with the support and advice of the British Board of Film Censors, which had traditionally discharged its duties effectively and would be a flexible and appropriate way to deal with the new commercial clubs.

Mr Thomas Torney (Bradford, South, Lab) said the people who dealt with pornographic material were past masters at getting their own way and had been able to hound out legitimate traders carrying on a normal trade in a shop or restaurant in Soho.

They bought leaseholds or freeholds and put up more and more of these horrible sex shops, to such a degree that one was ashamed to take a visitor into Soho, particularly a foreign visitor, to one of the restaurants.

If the Bill would at least cut down these sort of places, then all power to Mr Lloyd's elbow and he would give him his support.

Dr Shirley Summerskill, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs, (Halifax, Lab), welcoming the Bill, said there were no limits to the ingenuity of the pornographic industry. There was a great deal of money at stake and business was booming.

Every effort was made by the profiteers to avoid restrictions upon their activities, whether they were imposed by Parliament or by local authorities. They would seek to exploit any loophole they could find, even in this Bill.

Ideally, there should be comprehensive legislation to rationalize the obscenity laws, as was recommended by the Williams report. The present system of film censorship was full of anomalies

Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of State, Home Office, said whatever view might be taken on the moral question relating to the materials shown in these cinemas, Parliament's intention that such premises should be licensed should not be circumvented by a technical device. The Bill performed a useful service in correcting some serious defects that had been opened up in the present legislation.

The Government saw a good case for building on this Bill, and it intended in due course to bring together in one consolidating statute the legislation bearing on exhibitions of this kind of material.

The Bill dealt with a wide loophole in the existing licensing system which allowed bogus clubs to get around the requirement to be licensed. It was right to retain local jurisdiction over licenses because local councils were in the best position to understand and apply the opinions and feelings of the people in the community.

The exemption in the present law for non commercial bodies, such as film societies, had been exploited by establishments masquerading as clubs prepared to admit club members, but in practice they were commercial public exhibitions.

Often innediate entry could be gained with the customer's signature on a piece of paper signifying his membership. Although the club facade could be flimsy in the extreme, prosecutions, as the GLC and the Metropolitan Police had found, could be difficult and time-consuming.

Exhibitions were often given in premises which left a great deal to be desired and he would greatly fear for the lives of customers if fire broke out in some of the premises in Soho.

The Bill was read a second time.

MP protests at plan for house buyers

MORTGAGES

The Government and building societies between them were set on making the burden on borrowers heavier to a significant extent at the time when the borrower was least able to bear it, Mr George Cunningham (Islington, South and Finsbury, Ind Lab) said during a short debate on proposed changes in the arrangements for providing mortgage interest relief.

At the moment, borrowers paid the gross amount of such interest to the building society or other lender and obtained the tax relief from the Inland Revenue in his PAYE code.

The proposal was that from April, 1983, borrowers should pay the net amount to the building society, the society would recover the tax relief from the Inland Revenue. This would make life easier for the Inland Revenue.

The building societies intended to adopt a method which meant that the borrower would have to pay more in the early years than he did now and less in the later years.

Mr John Bruce-Gardyne, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said the present system worked well in the days when interest rates did not move rapidly and changes in the level of mortgage rates were not frequent.

It would not be right for the Government to use a proposal of this kind to intervene and to regulate the manner in which building societies and other lenders conducted their relationship with those who took out mortgages.

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Nigerians of many faiths welcome Pope to Africa

From Godfrey Morrison, Lagos, Feb 12

The Pope, on his first voyage abroad since being shot in St Peters Square last May, arrived today in Nigeria, on a visit which he has said he hopes will initiate a new era of evangelization.

Though the Roman Catholic community of five million is but a tiny minority in this country of 90 million people, most of whom follow Islam or cling to their traditional animist belief, the Pope is assured of a tumultuous welcome from people of many faiths.

President Shagari, a devout muslim, welcomed the Pope at the airport. One of his early acts as President was to invite the Roman Catholic leader to Nigeria.

Ever since the 1960s Roman Catholic leaders have expressed hope and faith in their church's future in Africa, a continent where many faiths run deep and the most diverse religions are for many a vital part of daily life.

In October, 1964, on the occasion of the beatification of 22 Ugandan martyrs, Pope Paul VI described Africa as *"nova patria Christi"* — the new homeland of Christ.

Two years ago during his first visit to Africa, when he travelled through Congo, Kenya, Ghana, Upper Volta and Ivory Coast, the present Pope told foreign diplomats in Nairobi: "Is it not comforting to know that the African accepts with his whole being the fact that there is a fundamental relationship between himself and God, the Creator?".

On his present week-long African visit the Pope will spend four days in Nigeria, visiting the three archdioceses of Lagos, Onitsha and Kaduna before going on to Benin, Nigeria's western neighbour.

He then pays brief visits to Gabon, which like Nigeria has prospered through its oil wealth, and Equatorial Guinea, whose military government is painfully rebuilding the country after the overthrow two years ago of President Nguema.

A highlight of the Pope's Nigerian visit will be an open air mass at Onitsha, eastern Nigeria, heartland of the Ibo people, whose attempt to break away from Nigeria as the separate state of Biafra led to civil war.

It is in this area that is to be found the highest concentration of Nigeria's Roman Catholics and what is believed to be the largest seminary in the world, Enugu-Ikot Ekpene, where about 700 Nigerians are training for the priesthood.

The federal side in the civil war accused the international Catholic relief organizations of favouring Biafra, but such rancorous memories have largely evaporated, and the Pope can expect another enthusiastic welcome in Kaduna, in the largely Muslim north.

At an open air mass there he will ordain 90 priests, the liturgy being punctuated not by the normal ringing of bells but by the blowing of horns and the beating of drums.

In recent years the Roman Catholic Church and the Protestant churches (whose 11 million adherents in Nigeria are double those of the Catholic Church) have increasingly tried to incorporate local culture and custom into their services.

This is partly due to a positive desire to root Christianity more firmly in local soil, and partly as a response to the growing appeal of all manner of breakaway sects which have sprung up in many parts of Africa.

Mgr Anthony Okojie, the Archbishop of Lagos, said in a recent interview that one of the biggest problems his church faced was "the fundamentalist approach to the Bible being given by some of our Christian brothers. In some rural areas especially the use these sects make of Christian symbols and sacraments, deliberately mixed with juju (witchdoctor) practices, confuses our people".

The Nigerian press has extended a warm welcome to the Pope, with many newspapers publishing special supplements. Yesterday, a columnist in the *Daily Times*, in welcoming the Pope, said his church's appeal would be increased in Africa if it changed its attitude to birth control and enforced celibacy of priests.

Meanwhile, *Lagos Weekend*, a racy weekly newspaper carried as its main front-page story today a report that the Enugu chapter of the Nigerian Union of Prostitutes had given its members instructions about welcoming the Pope when he visits their city.

A spokesman for the union said that because of their belief in God's readiness to forgive all sinners, they were all "trooping out to welcome the Pontiff and receive his *blessings*", the newspaper said.



New roost: The Hughes flying boat Spruce Goose, that became airborne only once in the 1940s, taking a leisurely journey across the harbour at Long Beach, California, perched on a barge. Sightseers on board the liner Queen Mary, in the background, crowded the decks to watch the move into the aluminium display dome.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Tanker cuts power in Istanbul

Ankara. — Port authorities in Istanbul, who have come to view anxiously the transit passage of every Soviet vessel through the Bosporus, saw their worst fears materialize when a Russian tanker bound for the Black Sea ran aground on the Asian side of the busy strait, severing underwater power cables (Rasit Gurdilek writes).

The accident, attributed to strong currents, is the fifth within a week involving Soviet vessels. The authorities blame the incidents on the refusal of Soviet captains to take Turkish pilots on board.

A solution would require revision of the 1936 Montreux Treaty, a step which, for the time being, Turkey is reluctant to initiate.

South Africans mourn Aggett

Johannesburg. — More than 1,000 people, nearly all of them white, crowded into Johannesburg city hall to mourn the death of Dr Neil Aggett, the young white trade unionist found hanged in his prison cell a week ago. The meeting was organized by the opposition Progressive Federal Party.

All present stood while Bishop Desmond Tutu read out the names of more than 40 South Africans who have died in the last 20 years while being detained under the security laws.

Boxing chief denies charge

Mexico City. — Señor José Sulaiman, president of the World Boxing Council, was formally charged with illegal possession of valuable archaeological artifacts, a spokesman in the Attorney General's office said.

Señor Sulaiman, who was detained on Tuesday, denied smuggling and said he was conserving the objects "because I am enamoured of my people, my culture and my ancestors."

'Army mutiny' in Somalia

Nairobi. — A large-scale army munity occured in northern Somalia at the end of last month and fighting between loyalist forces and mutineers is continuing, according to Somali dissident circles here.

The rising, said to have followed the execution of 11 government officials, including some officers, split the loyalties of army garrisons, but Government troops have since recaptured at least six camps. Casualties are put at 85 dead and 105 wounded.

Kissinger is out of danger

New York. — Dr Henry Kissinger, the former American Secretary of State, was recovering normally in hospital in Boston after heart surgery on Wednesday. "The main risk is over", a hospital bulletin said. Dr Kissinger, aged 58, will be moved today to a private room from the intensive care unit of Massachusetts General Hospital.

US offends Israelis over Jordan arms

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem, Feb 12

Less than a month after the healing of the American-Israeli rift over the annexation of the Golan Heights, relations between the two countries are facing a new crisis over potential American sales of sophisticated weaponry to Jordan, a country which still maintains a state of war with Israel.

The Israeli Government has demanded urgent clarification from Washington about reports that the United States hopes to sell King Hussein F16 fighter aircraft and mobile Hawk missile batteries. A senior official in Jerusalem today expressed astonishment at the proposed deal, which he claimed would significantly affect Israel's qualitative balance in the Middle East arms field.

Last night Major General Ahron Yariv, former chief of military intelligence, gave a warning that acquisition by Jordan of the American-made weapons might, in certain circumstances, prompt Israel to launch a preventive strike.

He said that the stationing of Hawk missiles in the Jordan Valley would pose a threat to the Israeli Air Force which would be difficult to tolerate.

The Israeli Government has also been both angered and concerned at reports that Mr Caspar Weinberger, the United States Defence Secretary, combined his trip to Jordan with remarks to reporters, "albiet made under the convenient guise of a 'senior United States official'," suggesting that the Reagan Administration planned to toughen its policy toward Israel.

The latest division between Israel and the United States follows closely on what are understood to have been extremely stringent American warnings to Israel about the consequences of it launching any new military operation across the Lebanese border.

The American attitude, combined with recent severe weather, is claimed by many military experts here to have at least temporarily thwarted a planned invasion on a larger scale than the 1978 Litani operation.

Conditions in the rest of the country were reported calm and firmly under control. Foreign reporters had been promised by Mr Ahmed Iskandar Ahmed, the Minister of Information, that they would be able to visit the besieged city "when the last criminal of the Muslim Brotherhood has been arrested".

☐ **Beirut:** As the siege of the central city of Hama continued today, Syria went to the emergency meeting of Arab foreign ministers in Tunis to demand collective Arab action against the United States for supporting Israel and allegedly trying to destabilize the Syrian Government (Tewfik Mishlawi writes).

Reports from Damascus said troops and tanks had sealed off the city and army patrols conducting mopping up operations were searching for members of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood.

Dacca Cabinet cut from 42 to 18

Dacca, Feb 12. — President Abdus Sattar of Bangladesh today named a slimmed-down Cabinet to replace the 42 ministers he dismissed last night as part of a campaign to rid the administration of corruption and incompetence.

The new 18-member Council of Ministers, mostly comprising members who were dismissed cabinet, honours Mr Sattar's promise to set up a much smaller Cabinet.

President Sattar defended the dismissals in a broadcast last night, saying he had grown to doubt ministers' honesty, integrity and sincerity. "Most of those who sit at the helm of state affairs have failed to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the people and I admit that consequently the country and the nation face a serious crisis", he said.

President Sattar retained the Defence portfolio and Mr Azizur Rahman, the Prime Minister, Mr Shamsul Haq, the Foreign Minister, were returned to their posts.

The President was elected last November after the assassination in May of President Zia ur-Rahman by dissident military officers.

The dissolution of the Cabinet, formed on November 27, followed a special Cabinet meeting and a meeting between President Sattar and the chiefs of the armed forces.

The action of the 76-year-old President came as a surprise as he had summoned Parliament to meet on February 15.

The Government has faced serious economic problems and difficulty in meeting demands by the military for a greater share in running the country.—Reuter.

The Cabinet is as follows:

Prime Minister, Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Local Government and Rural Development, Religious Affairs: Azizur Rahman.
Foreign Minister: Shamsul Huq.
Food and Agriculture: Abdul Halim Choudhury.
Railways and Shipping: Shamsul Huda Choudhury.
Finance: Fasihuddin Mahtab.
Home Affairs: Abdul Matin.
Telecommunications, Civil Aviation, Tourism and Energy: Moidul Islam.
Jute and Textiles: Yusuf Ali.
Information and Broadcasting, Education, Sports and Culture: Tofazzel Hossain Khan.
Health and Population Control, Labour and Manpower: Khanaker Abdul Hamid.

Ministers of State.
Energy: Sunil Gupta.
Fisheries and Livestock: Amirul Islam Kalam.
Relief and Rehabilitation: Kamal Ibne Yousuf.
Housing, Works and Urban Development: Abul Kasem Faizul.
Youth Development: Colonel Oali Ahmed.
Women's Affairs: Qamrunnahar Zafar.
Commerce and Industry: Syed Manzoor Hossain.
Health and Population Control Labour and Manpower: Aung Shwe Pru Choudhury.

Chad's leader rejects OAU ceasefire call

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi, Feb 12

President Goukouni Oueddei of Chad, left here today declaring that he would not accept the ultimatum given to him yesterday by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to halt the fighting between rival groups in Chad and prepare for fresh elections.

The OAU's standing committee on Chad, attended by the presidents of Nigeria, Guinea, Zambia, Zaire, the Central African Republic and Kenya, and by ministers from several other countries, yesterday called for a constitutional and political settlement in Chad.

It also decided that the OAU's peace-keeping force now in the country must pull out by the end of June, and called on President Goukouni to negotiate with his opponents to secure a ceasefire by February 28.

The Chad delegation was not present when the OAU conference passed its resolution. In a statement issued later, the delegation said it regarded the resolution as "null and void" because the OAU standing committee had no power to take any such action.

In a press statement the delagation said it had withdrawn from the conference, but added the President Goukouni had held talks with several of the delegates, reminding them that his country did not recognize the OAU committee.

Terrorists end truce in Corsica

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Feb 12.

Violence on an unprecedented scale erupted in Corsica last night, nine months after the Corsican Nationalists had decreed a pre-election truce on their terrorists activities.

For the first time in such attacks, a member of the Foreign Legion, serving in the island, was shot, and two others were seriously injured. In about 10 other attacks in different parts of the island, public buildings and brivate property were damaged by explosives.

The FNLC, the extremist Corsican National Liberation Front, claimed responsibility for all these outrages. In a tract distributed in Bastia during the night it maintained that they were not a breach of the truce but a "warning" to the new Socialist Government.

"Concrete political acts wiping out the symbols of colonialism should have been announced, with their implementation well under way. There has been nothing of the sort. The Front could wait no longer. The new Government must rapidly acknowledge the national rights of the Corsican people".

Among the measures demanded are the dismantling of the clan system, the "rehabilitation of Corsican language and culture, the end of colonization and the departure of colonists" from the mainland of North Africa.

The attacks on three members of the Foreign Legion, of which two regiments are stationed on the island, and on four gendarmeries under construction, as well as on farms and villas belonging to "outsiders", were deliberately timed to coincide with the visit to the island of three Government Ministers — those of Defence, Transport and Agriculture, who announced new credits for the cattle-breeding and wine industries, and for the modernization of the railways.

They also came shortly after the voting by Parliament, at the beginning of this month, of a special administrative status for Corsica. This gives it a wider measure of autonomy than it has enjoyed since 1768, when it became a part of France.

M. Gaston Defferre, the Minister of the Interior, and principal champion of the new statute, said that "no Government can allow itself to be dominated by violence, but one can imagine that those who are against the implementation of the new statute have an interest in such violent acts".

They will certainly strengthen the arguments of the opposition, and even of some members of the majority on the island, that the autonomy granted by the Socialist Government is a dangerous concession to a very small minority of extremists, who want nothing short of a illusory independence.

Costa Rica's debts

New President has to tread carefully

From Paul Ellman, San José, Feb 12

The banker was exhausted and exasperated after a day of knocking on doors trying to collect at least some of the money owed to his bank.

"The next time I'm going to have to take a cricket bat, knuckledusters and steel-tipped shoes", he remarked ruefully.

Although his reaction was exaggerated, his experience was typical of the difficulties confronting representatives of 150 Western banks, who are hoping that the election last Sunday of Señor Luis Alberto Monge to the Costa Rican presidency will lead to the repayment of some of this tiny Central American country's staggering debts.

Costa Rica, the only functioning democracy in a region torn by civil strife, has gone bankrupt in a spectacular fashion, leaving its two million inhabitants with the prospect of seeing their standard of living, once



Señor Monge: Mandate for sweeping reforms

the highest in Central America, plunging to among the lowest.

In terms of hard-currency indebtedness, Costa Rica now owes more per capita than any other country in the world with the exception of Israel. Its total external debt, including the public and private sectors, has soared from $622m in 1976 to $4,000m. The Government was forced to default last September on all interest and principal payments, with the exception of a few soft loans provided to buy food.

Bankruptcies in the private sector are escalating rapidly, with the result that unemployment, now at 10 per cent, is expected to reach 20 per cent within the next six months.

"More and more, when I go to visit businessmen about their depts they offer me the keys to the factory. I don't want to take over their businesses, so I give them a few more days," One banker said. "I'm not running a bank any more, I'm running a collection agency."

Accompanying this has been the collapse of the Costa Rican currency, the colon, which has fallen in value against the united States dollar to a fifth of its level a year ago. the effect of this has yet to be felt fully by the population and San José remains an oasis of tranquility, a gentle, cheerful city without the brooding menace which pervades cities like San Salvador.

However, in real terms the per capita income of Costa Rica now stands at only $525 a year, compared with the $2,564 the Government claims on the basis of figures which do not allow for the dramatic fall in the value of the national currency.

Señor Monge, with all the other candidates in the election, laid the blame for the country's problems on the outgoing President, Señor Rodrigo Carazo, who refused obstinately to accept conditions laid down by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for providing short-term aid.

Señor Carazo, whom one Western ambassador here privately called a "bonehead", accused the IMF of trying to dismantle Costa Rica's welfare schemes, which are very advanced by Central American standards.

President-elect Monge has told his countrymen that they will have to accept a reduced standard of living but, apart from promising a "100-day emergency programme" after he takes office on May 8, has provided no details of what he has in mind.

Creditor banks are concerned that Señor Monge will not go far enough to reestablish Costa Rica's standing in the world finanacial community. They note that the country has broken all eight of the agreements it has negotiated with the IMF since 1952, three of them within the past two years.

Some Western diplomats, however, feel concern that the new President may be forced too far down the road to financial stability and could be confronted with an explosion of social discontent which would leave Costa Rica vulnerable to the left-wing and right-wing extremism which plagues the rest of Central America.

The 60 per cent of the population which earns less than 3,000 colones a month has already seen the value of this income fall in 12 months from $340 to $71. "Soon they'll hardly figure in the economy at all," one local financial expert commented.

The past 12 months have seen the first signs of terrorism, puny stuff in comparison to the bloodshed of El Salvador and Guatemala but an ominous portent for a country which hoped it could escape the Latin American disease of political violence by abolishing its armed forces 30 years ago.

Last Sunday's elections saw voters once again reject extremists of both the left and right.

Reagan's 'new federalism'

Testing the ground on Iowa's farms

From Nicholas Ashford, Des Moines, Iowa, Feb 12

Senator Roger Jepson of Iowa once said the best help the Federal Government could give farmers in his home state was by agreeing only to "defend them, deliver the mail and leave them alone."

By no means all of the 158,000 farmers in Iowa, which claims among its many "firsts" to be the world's biggest supplier of popcorn, hold such extreme views about the role of central government. But like farmers all over the world, they do believe the less government interference in their lives, the better.

It was no coincidence that President Reagan chose Iowa — the state where he began adult life as a radio sports announcer — to launch his plan to transfer many federal powers back to the states. The plan has become known as "new federalism". He believed his proposal to cut the "almighty federal government down to size" would be sure to receive a sympathetic hearing in the state.

There were other reasons, too, for choosing Iowa. The state, in which power has regularly swayed back and forth between the two main parties, is considered an important indicator of political trends in the United States.

Iowa is also the domain of Mr Robert Ray, the most senior governor in the United States, who has held power for the past 14 years. Governor Ray is an old friend of Mr Reagan, whom he often heard sounding off



Governor Ray: Support with reservations

about federalism while still Governor of California. Governor Ray also likes new federalism.

"The President is really proposing what governors have long asked for", he said in an interview with *The Times*. "Our forefathers did not mean for us to have a strong centralized government that encroaches into almost every element of our lives."

However, although Governor Ray gives his wholehearted support to the principle of new federalism, he is concerned about details in the President's plan under which responsibility for 43 federal programmes would be handed over to the states. One of his reservations is about cost. By his calculation the plan for the federal Government to take on the state's Medicaid costs, in exchange for the state assuming responsibility for food stamps and aid to dependent families, would leave Iowa $30m (£16m) a year worse off. The White House, using a separate set of figures, disagrees.

Similarly, despite the President's pledge that there would be "no winners and no losers" among the 50 states involved, Governor Ray fears Iowa could end up worse off than the oil-rich states in the South, or the heavily-industrialized ones to the North. However, he is confident that these matters can be worked out in the dialogue which the President has promised to hold with state and local officials.

Mr Delwyn Stromer, the Speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives, is equally enthusiastic about the President's plan. "This is the first time we have had a President who is doing exactly what he promised during his election campaign." Simply by taking over certain programmes from Washington, the state will be able to save 15 per cent on its annual budget, he contends. And the state will also benefit from the President's tax cuts, now coming into effect.

"If the President succeeds, the process of socialization which has been taking place in the United States can be stabilized and even reduced", Mr Stromer said.

The main problem confronting the President as he tries to promote new federalism is its extended time-frame. It is not due to get under way until 1984 and does not address the country's immediate economic problems. In the words of Governor Ray, "at the moment we are trying to work out how we are going to survive this year."

There is general agreement, that economic issues — unemployment, big interest rates and low farm prices — and not new federalism will remain uppermost in people's minds until the November mid-term elections.

When President Reagan arrived in Des Moines on Tuesday, the local newspaper carried a report saying that farm income was expected to be lower this year than at any time since the Depression. "At the moment it is costing me $2.80 (£1.50) to produce a bushel of corn, yet I am being paid only $2.30 for it," Mr Wayne Jensen said. He farms 1,200 acrees to the west of Des Moines. "No one can go on like that. The interest rates are killing us because we have to borrow heavily to pay for seeds, fertilizers and equipment."

He predicted a spate of bankruptcies among Iowa farmers over the next six weeks.

Underlying this concern about deteriorating economic conditions lies an all-pervasive fear that President Reagan may find it necessary to impose a grain embargo on the Soviet Union. This would be catastrophic for a state which produces 1,100 million bushels of grain a year.

Michael Winner, unabashed by the furore over his latest film, describes his jousts with censors on both sides of the Atlantic

My curious battles over Death Wish II

We have a saying in our business: "Every film is a great success until it's released." On that basis I'd been sitting on a hot property. In 1973, after five years of hawking round all the movie companies a script called *Death Wish*, and being rejected, I was driving one day to Kennedy Airport with Charles Bronson, the American actor with whom I'd just finished another film, when he said: "What shall we do next?"

"Well", I said tentatively, "there's this script called *Death Wish* that's awfully good. It's about a man whose family are mugged. He goes out on the streets shooting muggers and becomes a national hero."

"I'd like to do that", said Charlie.

"The film?" I said hopefully.

"No", he said, "shoot muggers."

We did the film, and it was a sensation, grossing over $60m at the box office, and even appearing in quite a few American critics' 10-best-of-the-year lists.

Seven years or so later — early in 1981 — a couple of young Israeli producers who were trying to break into Hollywood were buying the rights to the characters from the original producer, Dino De Laurentiis, and I found myself whisked to Los Angeles to make the sequel. I was shown into an office with a stunning view of downtown Hollywood, and the gently rising hills behind crowned by the white "HOLLYWOOD" sign in wooden letters. One of the producers came in.

"You're going home," he said. "Dino's changed his mind, he's not going to sell."

Seeing a rather amusing time and a lot of money disappearing before my eyes, I reached for the phone. After a few minutes of pleading with Dino De Laurentiis the deal was reinstated, and we made *Death Wish II*.

At the beginning of November, 1981, I was about to hand over this successful, though unreleased, movie to those who had bought it. By a series of deals that are everyday parlance in Hollywood, the young producers had sold the film to Columbia Pictures for release outside the United States, and to Filmways for America, and were already in profit.

I went with some trepidation to a screening room in the Beverly Hills offices of Filmways. The company chiefs walked in, were handed pastrami sandwiches and pickles, and prepared to see the end product. After the film the head of Filmways, a jolly man called George, turned to me.

"We've got a problem," he said. "It'll never pass the censor."

That had never occurred to me. It was true that near the beginning of both *Death Wish* and *Death Wish II* a member of the hero's family is raped, thus causing him to seek revenge on the criminal society in general. Although the rape had been unpleasant in the first film, we had no trouble; and although it was even a bit stronger in the sequel, it did not seem to me any more than the adult population of the world should be permitted to see. It didn't represent, in my view, any sort of new high (or low, according to which way you look at it) in cinematic violence.

I reckoned without awareness that both in America and England censorship, far from getting more liberal, has become far tighter.



Charles Bronson and Michael Winner making Death Wish II: cut and come again

I went back to England, and a week later received a list of cuts required by the American censor. There is a big difference between the system of censorship in America and England. In America almost anything, certainly including my film, will be passed for adult viewing with an X certificate. But, unlike England, where the X certificate is generally accepted for exhibition, in America X films are limited — because of anti-pornography opinion and because they are generally much more pornographic — to a few cinemas. Many radio and TV stations and newspapers will not accept advertising for X films. Therefore the film-maker has to achieve an R (for Restricted) rating, one that permits children of any age to enter the cinema, though those under 17 must be with an adult.

The list of cuts I now had was of those needed to qualify us for this R certificate. They were given to the nearest foot of film (ie, to one-third of a second). We put the film on the editing machine in London and looked at the first marked footage.

What we saw was a room with nothing going on in it at all except a man turning off a television set. "Perhaps the censor's a TV addict, he doesn't like to see the set turned off", suggested my assistant.

We checked further. Of the eight footages given, some were on the dot of particularly nasty things going on, some were wide of the mark. I rang the American censor, a man called Richard Heffner, who seemed to be in a particularly bad mood. He snapped all the time.

"Could you let me know in greater detail exactly what you want cut out?" I asked.

"Certainly not", he said. "We don't edit film, we just give certificates. You cut it down and we'll see it again".

A few days later he saw the film again, well cut down. Again he rejected it. My producers instructed me to get straight back to Hollywood and sit on top of everybody until the film was passed. Wearily I dragged myself on to the plane for another eleven-hour flight to Los Angeles, the town of which Orson Welles once said: "Every street looks like the road to the airport".

Another cut of the film. Another rejection. Still Mr Heffner refused to give so much as a glimmer of what he actually wanted. However, he did come up with a very strange statement: "I hope you're aware" (in his usual bad-tempered way) "that we only see a film four times. Then we have to rest for thirty days."

"You what — ?"

"We have to take thirty days off, otherwise we get immune to what we see. We need to cleanse our minds."

Jolly George, the head of Filmways, our distributor, stepped in: "Let me see the film before you re-submit it", he said.

Back to England, and more cuts. On December 17 George called: "Your new version's still too strong. Tell you what — I shall go through this with you in the cutting room, frame by frame. Together. Report here for work on December 29."

I should mention here that Filmways were going through what is known as "a little trouble". They owed, according to which report you believed, either $30 million or $100 million. However, there was no shortage of people wishing to buy the company, and I knew it was Hollywood when, on my return, I found they had moved to enormous new offices.

"George isn't here", said the receptionist. "He's not coming in."

He turned up next day, still cheerful, and said: "I trust you, Michael, you do the recut, show it to me when you've done it".

The film went to and fro, well over the four times the censor said he would see it before his thirty-day rest. He even got so fed up with it, he gave us the most precise instructions as to what should be cut. We got our R rating.

Thank goodness, I thought, that's my dealing with censors over for the next few years. I had reckoned without the English censor, James Ferman.

Compared to the English censor, rude Richard and jolly George are the epitome of sanity and reason. Our censor, James Ferman, once boasted to me how he cut five frames of Robert Shaw being eaten by a shark in *Jaws* from all two hundred and fifty prints waiting to go into British cinemas. Five frames of film last one fifth of a second

Death Wish II went to the British censor on December 18. There followed a long silence, even though we had told him the picture had to be released in 85 cinemas on February 11, and the mechanics of making cuts, re-laying and re-recording sound, and manufacturing the prints, required a speedy response.

It took him three weeks and four days even to give us his list of cuts. When I complained, he said, "When you submit a difficult film you should leave yourself more time".

"Why should it take over three-and-a-half weeks to see a 90-minute film?" I asked. No answer.

Again the film went in and out like a yo-yo. But there was one big difference: for England we were requesting an X certificate, a rating permitting only people over 18 to see the picture. Mr Ferman insisted on cuts in the version passed for children in America. I explained that the film had been passed totally uncut for exhibition to adults in France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Spain and other countries. "Our standards", he said, "are different".

The fact is that in the seven years Mr Ferman has been in office other countries have liberalized censorship; we have removed stage censorship completely, but for films, Britain remains one of the most censored countries in the free world.

Did that not give Ferman some concern, I asked. "It gives me concern if you formulate it that way", he replied.

We were finally handed our X certificate on a massively cut version of the film one week before it was due to open, six weeks after it had first been submitted.

I'd make a family film next, if only to avoid having to speak to censors. The only trouble is, I have made four family films. All but one lost money.

An invitation to dine with the Great European Eaters

The Great European Eaters belong to a special class: they are few in number, and their lives are an endless tour, not for their own pleasure but for the benefit of others. They are to food and restaurants what dramatic critics are to the stage. As one of them once explained, they are not gourmets: "Gourmets only eat the best; we eat anything".

Among those whose research and writings go beyond their own frontiers are a Frenchman, Robert Courtine, and a West German, Gert von Paczensky. Today we begin a series of articles in which these two Great European Eaters describe their experience of restaurants in Britain, on independent tours conducted at the invitation of *The Times*.

M Courtine — who opens the series — is "la Reyniere" of *Le Monde*, an erudite and literary man who follows in that great French tradition which allies good food with good writing. At 71 he is slim and elegant, the portrait of the fastidious, not the self-indulgent eater. The enemy of heaviness in food — he despises the potato — also the modern turkey, which he has described as having the taste of old zouave, with a certain fibrous quality, and just a distant hint of mothballs. Yet the severity of his judgments is tempered by an extreme courtesy.



Gert von Paczensky
He takes along a wine thermometer

Robert Courtine
Fastidious rather than self-indulgent

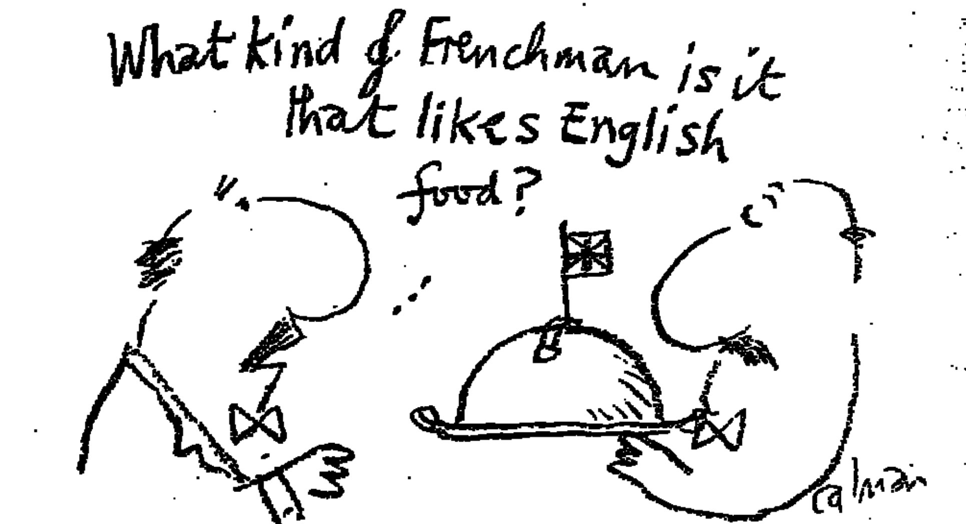
Courtine's many books on food include *Balzac à table, Zola à table, 100 Marveilles de la Cuisine française*, and *Les Recettes de Mme Maigret* secrets of the recorded favourite dishes of the celebrated detective.

Herr von Paczensky ("Pacz", or "Patch", to his friends) is one of his country's most versatile and controversial journalists, who brings to the subject of food the same enthusiasm and sometimes indignation that informs his political writing. He has written a small book on how to complain in restaurants. He is an avid documenter of a meal, with pocket tape recorder, wine thermometer and watch — he does not like to be rushed.

Thirty years ago a foreign correspondent in London and Paris for *Die Welt*, he has since been a pioneering television producer in current affairs, a magizine editor, and a television administrator; he is now a freelance producer and writer. His first article will appear next week.

Robert Courtine at Lockets, Marsham Street, London, SW1

Claret and division bells



An invitation to pass judgment on English cooking in Britain's greatest newspaper is not something to be taken lightly. One must bring to the job an unprejudiced mind and that taste for conviviality which is a mark of civilized societies. As I have often said: French cooking is not what people say about it, the best in the world, but, without question, the most varied. An important-nuance!

All great peoples, countries and races have their own styles of cooking and each has great dishes. English cooking is already familiar to me. Not so much because I find there our *boudin* turned pudding and our bacon of former times which we call *lard* today; or even the boiled leg of mutton from Yvetot in Normandy, which is a reflection of its sister dish across the Channel. But rather because of its style, which was that of genuine medieval cooking, a splendid era before the Latin invasion of the Renaissance.

Cooking embraces folklore, ancestral memories, wisdom and tradition. Having taken up the invitation to come to England, I was pleased to be back amongst those aspects of your civilization, for cooking — fashionable absurdities excepted — can evoke them all.

So, English cooking exists. I met it first of all at Locket's. This is a very old establishment. And a restaurant such as I like, that is, peaceful, comfortable, where one feels at ease. I learned that it was part of a chain (Berkmann), but it is not at all a chain-type restaurant, with standardized cooking.

I like its menu, embellished with gourmets' quotes from the past. On the subject of menus, I noticed in London that the cover charge (abolished in France) still stands, that service varies from 12 to 15 per cent and that VAT (in France VAT is always included in the prices) is often added to the bill. When everything is totted up, it all comes to the same thing: is there a country without taxes?

Because of its location but also because of an indefinable air of discretion and decorum, Locket's is the MPs' restaurant. I was startled at 2.30 pm to hear a bell — the Division Bell — summoning to their legislative duties members whose spirits had been raised by good food and drink. In France near the National Assembly there are two restaurants patronised by our deputies, Chez Marius (rue de Bourgogne) and La Sologne (rue de Bellechasse), but they lack a direct link to Parliament.

At Locket's I treated myself to Stilton soup, followed by soft herring roes with mustard sauce, excellent vegetables (I like the abundance of vegetables one finds in your restaurants, a mark of respect towards the kitchen garden) and an apple.

On the subject of apples, in shops and restaurants I did not come across a single Golden Delicious. Bravo! These frightful, ubiquitous Golden Delicious which hold sway in France are the terror of the gourmet. I was delighted by the little English apples, red, acid, perhaps less presentable, but how much better.

The bill came to £31.75, including a bottle of claret. This is about the same as Paris prices.

As we felt like some exercise, my companion and I made our way along the Thames from Westminster to the Tower. A superb walk, enhanced by all the reds of autumn, during which I discovered the new City heliport and the (since abandoned) fish market. I admired the Beefeaters without being sure whether their name comes from the French word "buffetier" or from the fact that they used to be responsible for tasting the King's meat before it was served to him.

That day the Master Chef's Insititute was holding a reception at the Tower Hotel attended by several London cooks. I met friends there with glasses in their hands. The conversation was naturally about cooking. French cooks have always been renowned here, from Escoffier, Herbodeau in his Ecu de France, and Boulestin.

To eat French food today one goes to Le Gavroche or La Croisette, to Le Poulbot or Le Suquet. However, I was already going over in my mind what I would order when I next dined at Locket's: potted shrimps as an overture (hors d'oeuvre should be to a dinner what the overture is to an opera, the menu reminds us), Aylesbury duckling (with its apple sauce) and Stilton. I must confess to a passion for Stilton, which I consider one of the great cheeses of the world, along with Swiss vacherin, camembert and French goats' cheeses. In France we say that the *pike* was created for *beurre blanc* (a *pays de Loire* sauce of melted butter, shallots and vinegar). I would (almost) say that Stilton was created to accompany a vintage port.

● Next Saturday: Gert von Paczensky at Inverlochy Castle, Invernesshire.

Geoffrey Smith

More leading questions for the SDP

Perhaps it was inevitable that the Social Democrats should have an inclination to constitution mongering. They have some distinguished lawyers in their ranks and the party was born out of conflict over a party constitution.

It was disillusionment at the incessant wrangling over the Labour Party constitution that provoked the initial breakaway, and the occasion for the split was provided by the decision of the Wembley special conference to change the method of electing Labour's leader in a way that was unacceptable to the embryo Social Democrats.

So it is hardly surprising that the SDP should now be going to some trouble to show that where Labour failed it can succeed in devising arrangements that will be a model of order and the embodient of democracy. Not only did discussion of its draft constitution have a prominent place in the rolling SDP conference last October, but today and tomorrow the party is holding a special constitutional convention in London.

Their days in the Labour Party should, however, have taught the Social Democrats two lessons about party constitutions. No matter how fascinating the exercise may be to the frustrated lawyers who abound in most political parties, it is dangerous for any party to become too embroiled in argument over its own internal processes; and the arguments over legal niceties generally relate to much deeper conflicts.

A little while ago it seemed that the debate over how the parliamentary leader should be elected would represent a critical conflict over the disposition of power within the SDP. If the decision was placed in the hands of the parliamentary party alone then the centrist Mr Roy Jenkins would be chosen. If every member of the party was to have a vote then the office would go to the more radical Mrs Shirley Williams. But it no longer seems that the method of election will affect the outcome. Provided that he is an MP when the time comes — which really means provided that he wins at Hillhead — it is now generally assumed that Mr Jenkins will be elected under either system.

But the dispute over the method of election is nonetheless more than a technicality. It relates to the balance of strength between the parliamentary party and the party in the country. This is a question that to a greater or lesser extent bedevils all British parties these days because it is no longer generally accepted that the chance to elect a new government once every four years or so is a sufficient expression of the democratic principle. There is a desire for greater influence over political leaders than that provides.

In a country whose politics is based upon parties it is natural to think of making the politicians more accountable to their parties. But that can too easily mean making them accountable to the party activists, those zealots who do most of the local work in most parties but who are by their nature unrepresentative of the wider public whose attitude to politics is distinctly cool. The Social Democrats experienced the danger of this course only too keenly in their Labour days.

If that trap is to be avoided there are two alternatives. One is to concentrate on making political leaders more accountable to Parliament in the belief that MPs, being directly responsible to the electorate and exposed to the pressures of discontented voters, are between them more likely than the members of any party to reflect public opinion. The other is to broaden democracy within a party so that decisions are taken by all members and not just the activists.

'The good lawyer provides for every eventuality: the politician who tries to do so ties his feet in ribbons'

During most of their Labour years the leading Social Democrats put the emphasis on preserving the authority of MPs, but in their last struggles within that party some of them swung to the alternative of broad party democracy where by the leader would be elected on the basis of one-member-one-vote.

It is this choice which is now being examined afresh in the calmer waters of the SDP. There are respectable democratic arguments on both sides, though I would favour putting power in the hands of Parliament. Where decisions are naturally taken by the party in the country — as in the choice of candidates — it is right that a voice should be given not just to the activists but to all members.

But I do not believe that the members of any party are a good guide to public opinion in general or that they are as well equipped to judge between rivals for the leadership as those who serve with them in the House of Commons.

The dilemma over the balance of power between the party in Parliament and in the country is reflected not only in the argument over how to elect the leader but also over how to make policy. The Social Democrats have unhappy memories of the battle over responsibility for the Labour manifesto.

So the draft SDP constitution proposes an elaborate system of checks and balances.

The final authority on policy will rest with the Council for Social Democracy, on which MPs are likely to be in a minority. But the council will act on the basis of draft statements put before it by the national committee's policy subcommittee, on which MPs are likely to have a small majority. Detailed rules are offered to govern the relationship of the council to the policy sub-committee.

At the same time it is declared that the parliamentary party "must have full regard to the election programme and all statements of policy adapted by the council, but SDP Members of Parliament shall not be mandated nor subject to direction or control by any organ of the SDP".

It is all neat, logical and too cumbersome by half — a reminder that the art of politics should not be confused with the practice of the law.

The good lawyer provides for every eventuality: the politician who tries to do so ties his feet in ribbons. It is desirable that more women should be elected to Parliament, but to insist they form a certain proportion of the short list in every constituency is quite the wrong way to go about it. Such a rigid rule is unlikely to lead to more women actually being selected, because it will be too easily assumed that the women are on the list as token, not on merit.

It would obviously be undesirable to allow anyone to hedge his bets by being a member of both Labour and the SDP. But to specify that those who are "members of any other political party in the United Kingdom" cannot be members of the SDP is to prohibit joint membership with the Liberals.

As Mr Malcom Matson, a member of both parties at the moment, argues in a persuasive memorandum which was reported in *The Times* earliet this week, such a provision will make it harder for the Liberals and Social Democrats to draw closer together — which would seem to be a strange way to further the alliance.

The Social Democrats might reflect that the critical test of any constitution is that it should be consistent with the party's broad political purposes.

Fishface sends his undying devotion

Only the most outstanding women are designated steaming haybags. Not many people know that, and it is probably news to you as much as it is to Bergerac of Balham and The Mighty Wibbler, neither of whom said it.

If, on the other hand, it registers the slightest glimmer of meaning, you are clearly the lucky target for one of Cupid's paper aeroplanes that fly their secret missions down several columns of *The Times* today. And if you can decode the message but not the sender, then the mystery is that much sweeter, is it not?

Love lives, although there are many fewer enigmatic *billets doux* than last year's romantic *blitzkrieg* of more than 2,200 messages. But the remains of St Valentine are unlikely to be turning in the sarcophagus where they repose in a church down a back street of Dublin; the reason for a lighter load this year, we are assured, is that the day itself is Sunday, when these columns remain firmly closed, even for the most ardently unrequited lover.

A gallop through he eye-straining print suggests that, despite the Sexual Relations Act or whatever it was that gave women the misguided impression of equality, it is still the male who pursues the female. Those cryptic missives which reveal the gender of the sender are overwhelmingly from men; those from women are not only fewer, but plainer and bordering on the comprehensible.

Or perhaps all the pursuing women hide behind androgynous anonymity. Who would dare guess at the sex of Poshypaws, Pootle Poon or Poppy Crimblecrump Plumbum?

Few give any clue that they are messages of reassurance between husband and wife, unless Fishface is wed to Donkeydraws. Bent Finger probably is not: he has seen Hoppy Birdie across a crowded platform in those distant days when trains ran. but some relationships, of whatever legal status, are stable: Mistoffeles, a star of last year's pages, is back again plighting his troth to Mrs Mistletoe. Of course, she may be the next-door neighbour.



As ever, lovers retreat to the secret world of the nursery, teddy bears talking to each other in the language of poodlekins; the once-fashionable Miss Piggy seems on the wane. But in that nursery, what secret scenarios must be dreamed of; there should be a Booker Prize for the most inventive novella on what Ogle-Eye-De-Di did to Headless Bear's loose washer.

There is nothing new in the secret language of lovers, and the frisson of delight they doubless feel at having their mystical professions read by at least 300,000, and understood by only one. Jonathan Swift knew all about it in his letters to Stella, and was himself moved to observe that a bad scawl was so snug.

Virginia Woolf, who had a bit of a hothouse love life herself, pointed out in *The Common Reader* in 1935 the need for lovers like Swift to throw off the ceremonies and conventions of society, and to use a language which "is as much a necessity as a breath of air in a hot room". Love has much to do with the intimacy of shared secrets, which today range from visions of froglets to oodles of glubberchucks.

No Enigma machine, no board of chess grandmasters holed up for a year in Bletchley Park, could crack last year's intriguing: "The canary sings forth to the kangaroo with a pointed helmet a bacon sonnet".

This year the messages tend to the prosaic rather than the poetic; perhaps it has something to do with the train strikes. An occasional reference to distance and parting suggests that Mr Buckton's Irregulars may be upsetting more than mere working lives.

Foreign tongues are still to the fore in this year's messages. French, the language of passionate love, is favourite; Latin, the language of cerebral love, is next; and German, the language of love while standing to attention with one's kit ready for inspection, is third, with Italian getting only an occasional look in.

But at least the philosophers are still with us. Will Bundlebum, Cuddlemouse, Sybil Halfpint, Monica Rabbit and the rest note the words of the sage that love, like new blotting paper, is best if not messed on?

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GETTING BACK IN BUSINESS

Judging from the letters and donations, tens and possibly hundreds of thousands of people would like to see Sir Freddie Laker back in business, and soon. It is not merely out of liking for a colourful character. It is that, uniquely, he provided a service that broadens the horizons of a new class of travellers and seemed to provide a badly needed spur of competition. Presumably that purpose would be filled anew the earlier he returned to competition. All the more so if he returns with the resources of Lonrho behind him to enable a renewed assault on the market to be launched with real effectiveness.

Tiny Rowland, a colourful character himself, has shown in the past a willingness to back with considerable sums enterprises which have failed. Although the details of how he might finance a new Laker line have yet to become clear, there is no reason to doubt that he could set up a new line with several aircraft.

Come back, Sir Freddie. Yes, but now? Even when the wreckage of the failed enterprise is still scattered across the tarmac? The final debts of Laker International have still to be worked out. But when all the assets have been sold, the outstanding figure is unlikely to be less than £100 million. Included in that figure is perhaps as much as £700,000 owing to customers who have bought now worthless tickets, employees who are now without a job and may be owed pay by the company and a myriad of small suppliers, some of whom could themselves be forced into bankruptcy by Laker's collapse. Their plight has a prior claim on Sir Freddie's drive.

Nor does it appear entirely fair in terms of the free competition of which Sir Freddie is so notably a champion. The strong objections of British Caledonian and other airlines to any granting of new air licences to Sir Freddie is doubtless self-interested. But they have an argument. Theoretically and in practice, Sir Freddie with Mr Rowland's backing could go to the receiver, buy up some of his planes at perhaps 10 per cent of the purchase price and relaunch his transatlantic operations with a company unburdened by debt, with customers developed by his previous airline, and with licences reallocated from the old service. The consumer might be served in the short term. But companies such as British Caledonian, of reasonable efficiency but burdened by the cost of financing honoured debt, would be at an almost impossible disadvantage. For those suppliers or customers, and even banks, who had lost money on Laker Mark I and were prepared to risk money on Laker Mark II, it could be regarded as a case of "beware the creditor." But the impact on other lines could prove extremely destructive.

British law has always tended to the view that limited liability is essential for the creation and growth of businesses, and has found accordingly. If banks and others allow their clients to become overextended and lose money in the process, that is their fault: they should be old enough to look after themselves. While Sir Kenneth Cork is studying bankruptcy provisions with a view to recommending changes in the law, he is looking largely at provisions to prevent fraudulent trading before insolvency or bankruptcy is declared, not after. And that is where the changes are most urgently needed. To help protect customers and creditors from falling victim to those with a history of insolvency, greater publicity and better public records are needed, not changes in the law that would have far reaching effects in discouragement of new enterprises.

Sir Freddie's case is a special and spectacular one. For the sake of his own reputation as a folk hero of the British consumer, he might be well advised to act with greater sensitivity to those hurt by the crash and wait a decent interval before embarking on a new career. So far as justice and commerce are concerned, there is no reason to prevent him setting up again wherever, whenever and in whatever manner he wishes and he can get backing for — provided he is not actually awarded a competitive advantage out of the ruins of his previous collapse. As for the Civil Aviation Authority it has no reason to regard him as a special case. Any application he makes for licences should be treated in exactly the same way as the application for any new airline setting up from scratch, with a proper examination of the records and experience of those running it.

OPEN COURT, CLOSED FOR COMMENT

Parties to litigation are required to pass to each other for copying all documents in their possession relevant to the case. The courts have power to compel them to do so. They exercise that power for the sole purpose of doing justice in the cases before them. For that restricted purpose the invasion of privacy is necessary and justified; but it is none the less an invasion of a person's right to confidentiality in his private papers, and the courts would be right to jump on any abuse of the practice. Such an abuse was alleged against Miss Harriet Harman by the Home Office in proceedings which were decided by the House of Lords on Thursday.

Miss Harman had acted as solicitor to a plaintiff who brought an action against the Home Office arising out of his confinement in the "control unit" in Hull prison. Miss Harman was also legal officer for the National Council for Civil Liberties. She applied for discovery of documents by the Home Office, including six confidential papers about control units for which the Home Office claimed immunity on the ground that disclosure would be against the public interest. The immunity was refused. The judge later ruled that those particular documents were inadmissible as evidence, though not before they had been read out in open court. That sequence of events was rather galling for the Home Office.

Before the court had given judgment and while copies were still in Miss Harman's possession she showed them to a journalist who found in them ammunition for an article, in no sense a court report, critical of the Home Office's control unit policy. The cause was one which the NCCL also had at heart.

The Home Office laid a complaint against Miss Harman of breach of undertakings to the court. All agreed that she had bound herself in the first place to make no use of the documents for any purpose other than the proceedings before the court, and that her showing them to the journalist in the way she did went beyond that purpose. Miss Harman however claimed that she had been absolved from her undertaking by the fact that the documents were read out in court. From that moment they were in the public domain and she was as free as anyone else to treat them as such. That was the point on which the case turned. Two law lords agreed with her. Three did not.

This much is to be said in favour of the majority opinion. Eight hundred pages of private documents read out in court may truly be said to be in the public domain, but the practicalities of court reporting still leave those who happen to have copies at a distinct advantage when it comes to exploiting that change of status. Their advantage derives from the privilege they enjoy under the rules of discovery in civil actions. But since those rules explicitly restrict the purpose for which possession of a document can be used to the purpose of the court in doing justice in the particular case, the advantage is not one they ought to be allowed to make use of. Otherwise the whole business of discovery, a necessary process for the administration of justice, would be made more difficult and uncertain.

Lord Scarman, for the minority, blew all that away with a blast on the Miltonic trumpet. Freedom of communication had become part of the English law. Private documents once they had become public knowledge might be fully reported, discussed, and made subject of public comment and criticism. Those freedoms enured in the public at large. Public trials sometimes exposed matters of public interest worthy of comment outside the context of the trial itself. Such discussion should not be discouraged or obstructed. Music to the ears of journalists.

Lord Scarman's eloquence will not be made more persuasive by elaboration in the editorial columns of an interested party, which is what all newspapers here are. So we invite our readers to find with him on another ground. A rule of law should eschew anomaly. A rule that the parties' lawyers are bound to continue to treat as confidential a document that has been read in open court because they have an unfair advantage will not neutralize their advantage. They can still pick up the telephone. "Look, I've something hot here that you'll be interested in. I'm not free to show it you, but send a shorthand reporter along to number three court tomorrow morning . . . ." What kind of a rule is that?

FINIS CORONAT OPUS

Sopor — Zythum does not strike one as a title that will soar naturally to the top of the list of best-selling books. It is, nevertheless, the most important book published next week, the culmination of fifty years of scholarship, a work that will last and be used for as long as people read. "Sleep" — "an Egyptian form of beer" may get things in the wrong order, but it is the eighth and final fascicle of the *Oxford Latin Dictionary*, the first Latin-English dictionary composed entirely from the original sources. It will also be the last. Latin is a dead language. Much work of noble note may yet be done in interpretation. Archaeology and *inscription*-deciphering may add fractionally to the word-stock. But the monumental work that has been going on for half a century has been done to last.

Mr Peter Glare's final fascicle lives up to the high standards of scholarship, lexicographical clarity, and charm of its predecessors. Since volunteers all over the country started collecting more than a million slips of quotations in 1931, classical scholarship has focused fruitfully on the nuts and bolts of Roman technology. With the *Oxford Latin Dictionary* to hand, we now know more exactly than any generation of schoolboys since the Dark Ages the precise plants and plant-diseases in the *Georgics*, for example, and the nature of some of the wonders that caught Pliny's curious eye.

There are some words for which even *OLD* has not got the answer: for example, *talabarrio* and its diminutive *talabarriunculus*; the elegant adverb, *topper*; and *spattaro*, a very Southern European term of abuse. There are some cases where our information is clearly defective, but we have no means of establishing the truth. *Tux pax* is said to have been an expression of thanks, while *tux tax* represented the sound of blows. Only a rash or frivolous commentator would suggest that the man in the first instance was turning the other cheek.

As usual in dictionaries, the longest word is the least interesting, and has the shortest entry: *subductisupercilicarptor* (an ultra-censorious person) is a nonce-word and therefore a bit of a cheat. Dear old *ut* is the shortest in the fascicle, and has the longest and most interesting entry; though generations of schoolchildren mired in final and consecutive clauses might dispute the last point.

Fifty years and a few months ago the Delegates of the Oxford University Press decided that the only Latin-English dictionary, an obsolescent translation by the Americans Lewis and Short of *a previous dictionary*, was past mending. It was a wise decision, though even men accustomed to longevous and majestic works of scholarship cannot have imagined how long and majestic it was going to turn out. A renovation of Lewis and Short would not have been the perfect solution. It would also have run the risk, in these brisk times, *of being entitled Lewis 'n' Short.*

The great dictionary begins with the exclamation *a!* (ah!) which, as in English, expresses a variety of emotions — the *OLD* instances distress, regret, pity, appeal, entreaty, surprise, joy, objection, contempt. In the past fifty years the learned lexicographers *have often exclaimed a!* As Latinists raise celebratory glasses of *zythum* next week, the room will be filled with balloons inscribed; "Thinks *A!*"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Effects of lead levels in petrol

From the Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Social Security

Sir, Your issue of February 8 printed a letter which I sent to the Permanent Secretary at the Department of Education and Science and other official colleagues in March, 1981. Some of the subsequent comment in your columns and elsewhere has misrepresented my position in certain respects.

It is erroneous to infer that my advice in any way negated or contradicted that of Professor Lawther's working party on lead and health. The contrary is the case.

The report was published in March, 1980 and, after careful consideration of all the evidence then available, the working party felt unable to come to clear conclusions concerning the effects of intermediate amounts of lead (ie in the range 35-80 micrograms per decilitre of blood lead) on the intelligence, behaviour and performance of children.

It nevertheless recommended that emissions of lead to the air should be reduced. Following the publication of the report, results from a later study suggested that there might be an association between blood lead levels below 35 micrograms per decilitre and impaired reading, spelling and intelligence in children.

These results were not conclusive because in this pilot study the *possible influence of social* factors could not be separated from the effects of lead, but taken together with the known toxicity of lead at high levels and the conclusion of the working party that an effect at intermediate levels could not be excluded they strongly suggested that the margin of safety was too small. We estimated that some hundreds of thousands of British children could have blood lead concentration above 25 micrograms per *decilitre; even though most of* these children would be below 35 micrograms per decilitre they would have little margin of safety in comparison with margins considered necessary for other toxic substances.

I concluded that steps should be taken to reduce the general population exposure to lead. That conclusion was entirely consistent with the working party's advice and in March, 1981, I advised the Government accordingly.

By the time I wrote, action on the working party's recommendations on other sources of lead, such as old paint, soldered cans, and plumbo-solvent water supplies, which in some localities are of greater importance than petrol, had already been agreed. That is why the specific advice which I gave, based on the working party's fifth recommendation and on further information which became available after the publication of the report, related only to petrol.

That advice was correctly quoted in the paragraph fourth from last in my letter in these terms: "I have advised my Secretary of State that action should now be taken to reduce markedly the lead content of petrol in use in the United Kingdom". The Minister for Local Government and Environmental Services announced to Parliament on May 11, 1981, that this was being done.

Yours faithfully,
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Elephant and Castle, SE1.
February 12.

Next step for Alliance

From Mr Emrys Roberts

Sir, Transcending the dip in the popularity of the Alliance in the MORI poll report are two events of overriding significance. First, the agreement that there shall be one leader of the Alliance at the general election; and the finding that 62 per cent of SDP supporters want a merger with the Liberal Party. I hope that at least an equal majority of Liberal supporters would want a merger with the SDP.

In 1951 Lady Megan Lloyd George and I initiated talks with Herbert Morrison proposing a working relationship between the Labour Government with its majority of eight and the Liberals, who had nine MPs. He was more than well disposed, but Clement Attlee's decision to dissolve Parliament thwarted further progress. David Steel and James Callaghan in 1978 achieved what we were trying to do in 1951.

There is now a hope of a left-centre government after the next election. We should not be surprised, much less put out, because the attempt to allocate constituencies between the SDP and Liberal parties is full of pitfalls. We must accept that the attempt to achieve a neat and perfect solution may not succeed one hundred per cent.

At this point, with the experience of the past few months, the most fruitful course is for the leaders of both parties to aim higher than constituency bargaining. Constituency allocation, carefully supervised from the centre, spelt out delicately as applying to the next election alone, is the language of coalition government, if it is successful; or tactical collaboration between two opposition parties in the House of Commons if it fails to win a majority of seats.

In the light of the acceptance of one leader for the election, and the growing support in the country for a merger, the next step, in a movement which has shown tremendous dynamism so far, is open and lively encouragement by the leaders of both parties to constituency associations to discuss mergers.

Hitherto, the subject has been a little taboo, the leadership a little fearful of starting something quite so new. Yet I suspect that this is just what the *supporters of both parties would* now welcome; a little push towards constituency mergers. There will be reluctance in many constituencies, to begin with; but I doubt whether the situation will present greater problems than sometimes prickly efforts to agree whether the candidate should be Liberal or SDP. The merger aim dissolves this quarrel.

Yours faithfully,
EMRYS ROBERTS,
Liberal MP for Merioneth 1945-1951,
Dwy Dderwen,
Menai Bridge,
Isle of Anglesey.
February 10

The Laker crash

From Mr Henry Stern

Sir, I was appalled to hear that Freddie Laker is already considering starting another airline.

It is largely as a result of his unrealistic and predatory pricing policies, irresponsible financial management (aided and abetted by banks no doubt greedy for interest), fired by an overweening ambition, that his airline collapsed.

In the meantime many people who have in good faith parted with their money for his scheduled *services are likely to find* themselves without a holiday, as they are covered neither by the ABTA (Association of British Travel Agents) bond nor the Air Travel Reserve Fund.

I sincerely hope that before anyone is rash enough to grant him any further licences they will ensure that such debts of honour are discharged, and that any future ventures are brought under the strictest financial *controls.*

And I hope — no doubt vainly — that next time the public is warned over a long period, including, as I recall, by your own Air Correspondent in an article about two years ago, of the inevitable result of the price war over transatlantic fares, they will be less surprised when the inevitable does happen. That it is Laker who is the victim of his own raid on the market is merely a sort of rough justice.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY STERN,
12 Tenterden Gardens, NW4.
February 10.

Self-employed penalty

From Mr H. T. H. Goodwin

Sir, The Government wishes to encourage small businesses but apparently penalizes the retired self-employed person.

The only way for a self-employed person to enjoy a pension on retirement is to save money over the years, by one method or another, to provide capital to be invested on retirement in order to produce income by way of a pension.

This "pension" is not index-linked and as soon as it exceeds £5,500 per annum the excess is subject to "investment income surcharge" at 15 per cent. Ordinary retirement pensions, many of which are index-linked, are not liable to the surcharge.

Surely this additional tax is an unjustifiable discrimination against the retired self-employed person and a disincentive to founding small businesses?

I suggest that immediate steps should be taken in the forthcoming Budget to ensure that the investment income of retired self-employed persons would not be liable to the surcharge or alternatively that the threshold at which the surcharge liability begins should be raised to not less than £25,000 per annum at the present time and should be index-linked.

Yours faithfully,
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Kent.
February 10.

Birds' nest thefts

From Mr and Mrs Desmond Nethersole-Thompson

Sir, David Nicholson-Lord's article of February 1 refers to "a book about greenshanks by one of Britain's best known and respected ornithologists". The allegation that our book, *Greenshanks*, has "assisted thieves to rob rare nests" is entirely unfounded.

The greenshank has a population of 800 to 900 breeding pairs which are dispersed over great tracts of some of the wildest country in Scotland. Even in its most favoured habitats nests are seldom less than half a mile apart and, *incidentally*, are *seldom* placed immediately beside lochs or on mountain sides. The nest of the greenshank is among the most difficult to find of any bird breeding in Britain.

The nesting areas given in our book are contained within deer forests of several thousand acres. Almost all of these were plotted in the 10 km squares published by the British Trust for Ornithology in their *Atlas of the Breeding Birds in Britain and Ireland* (1976).

The suggestion that the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, or any private society, should "screen other forthcoming publications" would never be accepted by us or by many other ornithologists.

Yours,
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MAIMIE NETHERSOLE-THOMPSON,
Ivy Cottage,
Culrain,
Ardgay,
Ross-shire.
February 3.

'Right of reply' in the media

From Professor Antony Allott

Sir, One assumes, however improbable the assumption, that Mr *Michael Meacher, MP*, is serious when he calls (February 10) for the institution of a compulsory "right of reply" within the "media" for anyone who feels himself "grossly and inaccurately misrepresented". *Let me*, at the risk of grossly misrepresenting Mr Meacher's views, draw out some of the implications of his comments and proposals.

A legal right of reply does not exist: in what sense, then, can Mr Meacher call it a "right" now? *This* non-right was "enforced" by extra-legal blacking by Aslef members. Instead of condemning this oppressive action, Mr Meacher wants it legitimated by law, as if illegal gate-crashers were heard to complain about being forced to barge their way in by the host's unfortunate failure to invite them!

There are two objections to Mr Meacher: (1) His so-called "right" of reply is totally *misconceived*. (2) *If* such a procedure were instituted it would be unworkable and destructive of the media as we know them.

1. The "right" is misconceived. We are allowed to say and publish what we like — it is a free country — subject only to our duty not to offend against the laws of defamation, sedition, official secrets, parliamentary privilege, race relations, public *order and so on. If we so offend*, we can be prosecuted or dealt with civilly.

If you do not like what I say; and the existing laws provide no remedy, you may seek a medium, oral or written, for letting others know your version of the truth. There are so many organs of so many kinds and tendencies that you will be sure to find some vehicle for your views. What you cannot do — thank heavens — is *to compel me, the publisher of a* newspaper, a magazine, a publicity handout, a circular letter, to publish *your* views. Why should I?

Contrary to Mr Meacher's view, freedom of the press *does* mean and *should* mean "a licence to print their own sectional propaganda", from the extreme left to the extreme right, with the extremely boring or specialised in between. What Mr Meacher apparently seeks is an expropriation from the individual publisher of whatever tendency (he may be big or small) of his freedom to publish or not to publish, replacing all these diverse purveyors of news and views by a single, uniform, homogenised state journal, as exciting and reliable as *Pravda*.

There is one body of persons *permitted by English law to* traduce other persons without legal remedy, and that is members of Parliament during parliamentary sessions: how about Mr Meacher ameliorating this for a start?

2. The suggestion is unworkable. I misrepresent Mr Meacher's views; you publish what I say. Mr Meacher insists on his statutory right of reply. You publish it. I find his reply "hostile", "offending", "grossly and inaccurately" misrepresenting my views or character. I demand my own right of reply; and so on ad nauseam. Either then you would find your columns permanently occupied by material you neither originated nor selected, or you would be well advised not to publish my letter in the first place.

Either possibility has intolerable implications. In particular, you would be well advised not to report the speeches, or print the observations, of politicians, many of whom (here I go traducing them!) specialise in grossly and inaccurately mirepresenting the character, behaviour and opinions of their opponents. Suppress all mention of politicians, however dotty, in your pages, and half the joy would go out of your life and mine.

Yours faithfully,
ANTONY ALLOTT,
21 Windsor Road, Finchley, N3.

From the Director of the Press Council

Sir, Mr Michael Meacher's letter (February 10) calls parenthetically for the Press Council to be given statutory powers. Three royal commissions, the council itself and its constituent bodies have all preferred a voluntary council without statutory powers as being compatible with the *press freedom we seek to* preserve and extend.

Proposals to curb the press by statute, predictably always advanced as being in the public interest, produce some strange bedfellows. Before Mr Meacher's call the last advocacy of a Press Council with statutory powers came from the Steyn commission of inquiry into the mass media of South Africa last week. It evoked widespread alarm and opposition in Britain in which you joined, I joined and I should be surprised and disappointed if Mr Meacher did not join.

Yours, etc,
KENNETH MORGAN, Director,
The Press Council,
1 Salisbury Square, EC4.

The AID child

From Mrs A. C. James,

Sir, May I through your columns support the call by Dr. R. Snowden and Professor G. D. Mitchell (February 4) for public debate and discussion on the important topics of *in vitro* fertilization, surrogate motherhood and arificial insemination by donor?

These practices are of such literally vital importance to the future of mankind that it is essential that the legal status of the children born as a result of such practices should be clarified by statute and not merely left to be discovered from a study of statutes and case law, which deal primarily with other topics such as adoption, child custody and maintenance, divorce or the registration of births. Perhaps the time has come for a royal commission to inquire into and report upon these subjects?

May I also plead for greater understanding to be extended to those suffering from infertility problems? Dr Michael Thomas, chairman of the Central Ethical Committee of the British Medical Association, may be technically correct when he states in your columns (January 28) and on television (February 2) that "Nobody dies of infertility," but it appears from letters to our organization, Child, that some sufferers may be driven to contemplate or attempt suicide, partly through such lack of understanding. In my submission, those who seek "artificial families" do so after protracted investigations, often extending over many years, have resulted only in the knowledge that they cannot bear "natural" children. They are not acting upon a sudden urge or, in Dr Thomas's unfortunate phrase, a whim. They have had more than an adequate amount of time to consider their actions and the consequences arising from them.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. JAMES, Acting Chairman,
Child,
9 The Paddock,
Lanchester, Durham.

A mature view

From Mrs Naomi McIntosh

Sir, Lady Sachs (February 4) need not worry that Channel 4's programme for the elderly will patronise them. We well understand that their tastes run the gamut of television from cops and robbers to *Panorama* and back. But we do intend to screen one programme a week that caters for the particular needs and concerns of a growing, and some say neglected, sector of the population.

To be 72 and not to be aware that there are problems for which old people need help and advice is enviable indeed. But the fact is that they do.

Yours faithfully,
NAOMI E. McINTOSH,
Senior Commissioning Editor,
Channel 4 Television,
60 Charlotte Street, W1.
February 9.

All my eye and B. Levin

From Mr Bernard Levin

Sir, The death of John Hay Whitney, whose obituary you publish today (February 9), *enables me to relieve my conscience* of a burden it has been carrying for almost two decades, and I would be grateful if you would allow me, in your columns, to make open confession — so good, they say, for the soul.

Not long after, in 1961, Whitney bought the *New York Herald Tribune*, I was visiting that city and having lunch with a friend who worked on the paper. I called at his office to pick him up, and as we had some time in hand, he offered to show me round the building. Eventually we got to the executive floor (if you think you have a posh executive floor at *The Times*, and indeed posh executives, you should have seen the ones at the *Trib*) and my friend, with the insouciance of a man who knows the back way in to Fort Knox, ushered me into Whitney's office (the boss was out to lunch, you see).

I sank up to my collar in the carpet, and eventually, hacking my way through the undergrowth, came to a desk about the size of Victoria Station. On it there was nothing but a blotter-pad, some tastefully-arranged pencils, and a green eyeshade.

Now you and I know, of course, that newspapermen do not wear green eyeshades except in bad films; presumably, however, nobody had told Mr Whitney this (well, *you* wouldn't tell Mr Murdoch if his shirt was hanging out, would you?), and there the thing was. It was an exceptionally up-market green eyeshade, I may say, made out of some very firm Perspex-type plastic, and with a beautiful padded strip round the top to avoid the risk of chafing the boss's forehead or temples.

The ink blushes red in my pen as *I write the words, but write* them I must. Sir, madness swept over me, the high principles by which I had always endeavoured to guide my life vanished in an instant, and Belial had me in his grip. *I determined to steal John Hay Whitney's green eyeshade.* With the last vestiges of decency that remained to me, I bade my friend turn his back, so that he could truthfully say, when the uproar started, that he had seen nothing untoward take place. I then tucked the green eyeshade under my jacket, and we went to lunch.

Ever since, the guilt of that crime has dogged me, day and night. But I must expiate it at last, if only because Whitney may even now be explaining to his Maker that he ought to be let off a good deal of Purgatory because his life had been soured by the theft of his green eyeshade, and that his Maker ought to be going *after the villain who had nicked it* instead of him.

I feel better already. I have to add, though, that when I left the paper on which we then both worked, I bequeathed the green eyeshade of John Hay Whitney to Katharine Whitehorn. As far as I know, she has never lost a moment's sleep over her role as an accessory after the fact. But that is her problem now.

My best wishes to you all down there. I bet Mr Murdoch doesn't wear a green eyeshade.

Ta-ta for now,
BERNARD LEVIN,
10 Devonshire Place, W1.
February 9.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 12: His Excellency Monsieur Stefan Staniszewski was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Polish People's Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following Members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Monsieur Mieczyslaw Gorajewski (Counsellor), Monsieur Edward Sabik (Counsellor), Colonel Aleksander Majchrzak (Military, Naval and Air Attaché), Monsieur Zygmunt Krolak (Commercial Attaché), Monsieur Wieslaw Wiczak (Counsellor), Monsieur Stanislaw Wojtaszek (Counsellor), Madame Irene Gabor-Jatczak (Counsellor) and Monsieur Tadeusz Przyborowski (Commercial Attaché).

Madame Staniszewska had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Mr Julian Bullard (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Sir John Fretwell was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Paris.

Lady Fretwell had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Mrs Michael Wall had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Dame Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Miss Jacquetta Adams had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (Fifth Class).

Mr H. W. Dean had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his retirement as a Privy Purse Consultant.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the World Wildlife Fund, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from the Federal Republic of Germany.

Lord Rupert Nevill was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mr Mark Phillips, visited HMS Amazon at Devonport Dockyard today and was received upon arrival as HMS Drake by the Flag Officer, Plymouth (Vice-Admiral S. A. C. Cassels).

Her Royal Highness subsequently embarked in HMS Amazon (Commanding Officer, Commander I. D. G. Garnett) and having been entertained at luncheon in the Wardroom, toured the Ship.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Malcolm Innes, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 12: The Duchess of Kent was represented by Professor William Walsh at the Memorial Service for Sir Richard Graham which was held at Ripon Cathedral today.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
February 12: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at a Concert, given in aid of Council for Music in Hospitals, at Lambeth Palace, London.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will visit the Institute of Education, in London, on April 19.

The Queen will visit the King George VI Club for the Elderly, at Maidenhead, on its Twenty-fifth Anniversary on April 22.

Princess Anne will open the new occupational therapy and physiotherapy building of Birmingham Children's Hospital on April 22; later, as Commandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, she will attend a royal ball at the Albany Hotel, Birmingham.

Princess Anne, president of The Save the Children Fund, will open Trinity House Family Centre, Manchester, on April 23.

The Queen will review the parade of the Queen's Scouts in the quadrangle of Windsor Castle on April 25.

Princess Anne will visit RAF Stafford on April 27.

The Prince of Wales will attend a dinner with the Asian Society in Wales at City Hall, Cardiff, on April 30.

The Duchess of Kent, as Chancellor of Leeds University, will visit an exhibition entitled The University and Industry at Clothworkers' Hall, Mincing Lane, London, on February 24.

A memorial service for Professor Sir Michael Postan will take place at the Church of St Mary the Less, Cambridge, at 2.30 pm today.

A memorial service for Mrs Nina Troyte-Bullock will be held at Zeals Church, Wiltshire, at 12.30 pm on Wednesday, March 10.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. W. MacGregor and the Hon Louisa Saumarez
The engagement is announced between Duncan, only son of Mr and Mrs MacGregor, of Tregaer Mill, Monmouth, and Louisa, only daughter of Lord and Lady de Saumarez, of Shrubland Park, Coddenham, Suffolk.

Mr A. N. E. Hastings and Miss C. M. H. Washington
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr Stephen Hastings, MC, MP, of Milton, Peterborough and the late Mrs H. M. E. Hastings, and Celia, younger daughter of Leiutenant-Colonel and Mrs T. J. C. Washington of Dacre Lodge, Penrith, Cumbria.

Mr A. R. Higgins and Miss A. M. Gilks
The engagement is announced between Andrew Richard, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs R. G. Higgins, of Greta Bank, Walnut Road, Torquay, and Alison Margaret, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs A. P. Gilks, of The Old Hall, Market Overton, Rutland.

Mr H. Joseph and Miss J. E. Ashworth
The engagement is announced between Hugh, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs Michael Joseph and stepson of Mr Macdonald Hastings, Browns Farm, Old Basing, Hampshire and Juliet, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. J. A. Ashworth, Fox's Chase, Hayfield, Derbyshire.

Mr J. J. Taylor and Miss A. R. Willington
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Dr and Mrs J. A. Taylor, of Bruton, Somerset, and Annabelle, younger daughter of Mrs J. Willington, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and of Dr F. L. Willington, of Buckfastleigh, Devon.

Ethics study grant

The trustees of the Leverhulme Trust have made an award to the Society for the Study of Medical Ethics of £38,950 over two years for a study of the ethics of clinical research investigations on children, especially the complex moral questions involved

Gray's Inn

Mr James Wesley Wellwood has been elected an honorary master of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

Memorial service

Sir Richard Graham
The Duchess of Kent, Chancellor of Leeds University, was represented by Professor William Walsh, acting Vice-Chancellor, who gave an address, at a memorial service for Sir Richard Graham which was held in Ripon Cathedral yesterday. The Dean of Ripon, the Archdeacon of Richmond, the Rev Ralph Thomas, Canon Duncan Thomson and Sir James Graham, (son) who read a lesson, took part in the service. Among those present were:
Lady Graham (widow) and other members of the family; the Mayor of Ripon, Mr Gwyn Ward Thomas (chairman, Trident Television), Mr Paul Fox (managing director and director of programmes, Yorkshire Television) and Mrs Fox, with Mr Tony Preston, Mr Ted Wright and Mr G Brotherton-Ratcliffe, and representatives of other organizations with which Sir Richard was associated.

Birthdays

TODAY: Professor Franz Bergel, 82; Lieutenant-General Sir Roger Bower, 79; Earl Cadogan, 68; Dr J. P. Clayton, 61; Miss M. E. Collins, 55; Professor Dame Helen Gardner, 74; Professor Sir Jack Lewis, 54; Sir Neville Pearson, 84; Mr John Peyton, MP, 63; Mr Francis Pym, 60; Mr Oliver Reed, 44; M Georges Simenon, 79; Professor Lord Stamp, 75.

TOMORROW: Sir John Clark, 56; Mr Justice Forbes, 65; Lord Garner, 74; Lieutenant-Colonel M. St J. V. Gibbs, 65; Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, 59; Mr Kevin Keegan, 31; The Hon Christopher Monckton, 30; Countess Mountbatten of Burma, 58; Professor Sir Charles Oatley, 78; the Hon Hanning Philipps, 78; Professor R. J. V. Pulvertaft, 85; Dr Albert Sloman, 61; Sir Nicholas Stenhouse, 71; Mr Jocelyn Stevens, 50; Mr D. M. Stewart, 52.

Prince's rifle prize revived

By Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent

The Prince of Wales, president of the National Rifle Association, is this summer reinstituting the Prince of Wales Prize, which was one of the main events of the Bisley target rifle programme from 1861 until Edward VIII assumed the throne in 1936.

The prize, like the Queen's Prize, the top individual award for Commonwealth rifle shooting, will be confined to "subjects of the Queen", although non-British competitors will be eligible for the susidiary prizes in the competition.

The first prize of £100 and a badge bearing the Prince of Wales feathers is awarded for the best score with 15 shots at 600 yards. That is generally regarded as one of the more difficult tests of the annual Bisley meeting.

The competition was known as the Duke of Gloucester's Prize from 1936 to 1981 and forms part of the overall series making up the Bisley grand aggregate.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Geoffrey Weaver, to be master of choristers and organist at Bradford Cathedral.

Mr A. B. S. Paine to be general secretary to the Disabled Drivers' Motor Club.

Group Captain Rudolph Taaffe to be chairman of the Irish Republic's branch of the RAF Benevolent Fund, in succession to the late Sir Basil Goulding.

Mr Bevis Hillier, Formerly deputy literary editor of *The Times*, has been appointed editor of *The Times* Saturday Review.

The meeting of prayer and politics

Our age is one of profound spiritual searching and spiritual confusion. One of the aspects of false spirituality with which we are lumbered is the unbiblical divorce between prayer and struggle. But the fate of the soul is the fate of the social order.

Prayer and politics, far from being alternative modes of discipleship or even opposites, are necessary to each other. If they are divided, the result is either a superficial "Christian radicalism" which stresses action and service at the expense of awe and vision, or a pietism which reduces spirituality to the private sector.

At the turn of the century Nicolas Berdyaev observed that Christian piety had all too often become a withdrawal from the world and from men, an unwillingness to share human suffering. The world has risen in protest against this form of piety, this indifference to the world's sorrow. Yet against this protest, Berdyaev insisted, only a reborn piety can stand. The choice is not between spitituality and action, but between true spirituality and false.

Christian prayer is rooted in a revolutionary vision, it is Kingdom-directed prayer. It is therefore marked by a sense of unfulfilment, of yearning, of stretching out into the future and tasting the powers of the age to come. It is never the prayer of security, ease, and smug certainty. It is a crying out for the Kingdom that is coming. Prayer and politics meet at the point at which this vision of the new age comes into collision, as it must, with political structures based upon a different view of man and of human life. At the heart of our Gospel and our prayer there lies an inescapable core of conflict. This core of conflict is central to the Kingdom which must be the motive force and the visionary stimulus for Christian action.

Christian prayer is rooted also in the materiality of creation, incarnation, resurrection, and eucharist. It has a materialistic basis. Gnostic spirituality, so popular at present in the West, offers a way of living and praying which bypasses or despises the created order, and sees matter as an obstacle to the spiritual life. Christian prayer takes place within the framework of an incarnational theology which sees all matter as the potential vehicle of grace. This materialistic basis for prayer is of the greatest importance if we are to rescue Christian spirituality from the harmful influences of Neo-Platonism and other forms of dualism. The principle that grace comes through the flesh is central to orthodox Christianity. The centrality of the Eucharist in Christian worship involves the rejection of the false dichotomy between spirit and matter. Christian spirituality is a spirituality of broken bread and outpoured wine, an earthy, common spirituality.

Christian prayer is concerned with insight. A central element in prayer is listening, waiting on God in silence, gazing on God, striving to see more clearly. This dimension of clarity and insight contrasts sharply with the blurring of vision and the obscuring of reality which comes through what the fourteenth-century mystic Ruysbroeck called "false vacancy". This sense of seeing more clearly is one of the essential criteria in discernment of true prayer from false.

Finally, Christian prayer is concerned with tramsformation. Many Christians accept that, at a personal level, grace changes and transforms us, that in Christ there is a new creation. But people do not exist in a vacuum, nor is the relationship between personal change and socio-political change a simple one of cause and effect. The Christian virtues of love, forgiveness, gentleness and so on are public virtues. The fruits of the Spirit cannot be insulated in a private realm cut off from the world of political reality.

There is then an inescapable link between prayer and politics, between the mystical and the prophetic dimensions of faith. The renewal to which we are being called today is basically concerned with the restoration of that lost unity. It is very probable that the decay of a genuine mystical life in the Western church has not been unconnected with the decay of prophetic witness. While many see these two traditions as poles apart, they are in fact very close. For without clear vision there can be no authentic struggle. The hands raised in prayer and the hands raised in revolt are often the same hands. Out of prayer comes the spirit of resistance. Karl Barth put it well. "To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world."

Kenneth Leech

Jonathan Player



Front bench to park bench: Mr Francis Pym, Leader of the House of Commons, enjoying a moment of relaxation with a young visitor to St James's Park, London, yesterday, the eve of his sixtieth birthday.

Top 20 sweep for ITV

The BBC did not get one programme among the top 20 television shows for January, joint audience research figures show.

Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett, the comedians, pulled in the BBC's biggest audiences with three of their Saturday evening shows during the month. But they gained only 22nd place, joint equal twenty-eighth place and tenth place in the top 50 programmes named by the Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

This is Your Life, which was taken up by independent television after the BBC scrapped the show, and *Coronation Street* dominated the top 20.

When Anita Harris, the singer, was on *This is Your Life* it topped the ratings with 19,300,000 viewers on Januray 6. It also took sixth equal place, eighth place and fourteenth equal place.

Eleven editions of *Coronation Street*, were among the top 29 programmes. It wfas in second place with 18,950,000 viewers, ninth and tenth places, thirteenth and fourteenth places and seventeenth and nineteenth places. The *Two Ronnies's* biggest audience was 16,400,000.

The BBC had only one other programme in the top 50, an edition of *Dallas*.

But overall the BBC's two networks won the biggest share of the audience during the month. BBC1 had 38.73 per cent; and BBC2 11.58 per cent, giving them 50.31 per cent against ITV's 49.69 per cent.

Recession in silver trade appears to have eased

Christie's sale of English and Continental silver objects of vertu, Russian works of art and watches in New York on Thursday totalled $1,531,178 (£850,654) with 8 per cent unsold.

The silver section predominated, exceeding in importance the Prescott sale a year ago. The 342 lots realized $1,209,175 (£671,763) with less than 2 per cent failing to find buyers.

The sale attracted a large number of buyers from the London Fine Art trade, Continental dealers, representatives of four museums and bids from 14 countries in addition to considerable US interest.

Prices show conslusively that any ideas of a recession in silver can be discounted and that the market has reasserted itself from the effects of the silver bullion speculation two years ago.

Silver from the estate of the late Samuel J. Campbell, and Illinois lawyer, attracted particular attention with Koopman, the London dealer, paying $56,000 (£31,166) fo a Regency two-handled tray by Paul Storr engraved with the coat of arms, royal ducal coronet and motto of Ernest Augustus, King of Hanover, first Duke of Cumberland the Teviotdale and fifth son of George III.

Koopman also paid $44,000 (£24,444) for four George III candlesticks by the same maker. A Storr soup tureen sent for sale by a Philadelphis Callector realized $35,200 (£19,555) to John Smith, the New York dealer.

Among Continental silver, a Dutch lecturn of 1707 whose owner had no knowledge of its value or rarity realized $26,000 (£14,666). Only three similar items are recorded.

Yesterday in London, Christie's held a routine sale of Victorian pictures totalling £131,965 with 25 per cent unsold. While the result may not appear entirely satisfactory, a great deal more interest was being shown than at the end of last year, particularly for the more decorative items.

Latest Wills

Sir Paul Chambers, of Hampstead, London, chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries from 1960-68, left estate valued at £337,344 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Baynham, Mrs Olyffe Muriel, of Richmond, Surrey. £215,706.

Murray, Dr John, of Denham, Buckinghamshire. £678,350.

Sharp, Mrs Violet Elizabeth, of Crowborough, East Sussex £323,289

Sheinman, Mr John Neville, of Hampstead, London, ...£294,846

Simon, Mr Sidney, of Mayfair, London, stockbroker, ...£239,447

Vowles, Mr Edgar, of Wells, Somerset £268,751

Services tomorrow: Sexagesima

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8, M, 10.30 Jubilate and Te Deum: Stanford in B flat. The Dean; HC, 11.30 Missa Sancti Dominici (Rubbra), Introit: Locus iste (Bruckner). E, 3.15 Magnificat and Nunc dimittis, Wood in F (Collegium Regale). A, O where shall wisdom be found? (Boyce). Archdeacon of London.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8, M and S, 10.30, Ireland in F, Exaltabo te (Palestrina). Canon Knapp-Fisher; Sung Eucharist 11.40 Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), E and S, 3.00 Rubbra in A flat, Lord who hast made us (Holst). Rev J Owen; Organ Recital 6.05, E, 6.30, Rev C Taylor.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC, 9, Cathedral Eucharist 11, Organ Solo Mass in C (Mozart), A, I sat down under His shadow (Bairstow). Rev R Milburn; Cathedral Evensong 3.30, Sumsion in A, A, My shepherd is the living Lord (Tomkins). The Provost.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: HC, 8.30; M P, 11.15, A, The heavens are telling (Haydn). Ven C W Borrett.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed) M P, 11.15, T D Stanford in C, A, O Bone Jesu (Palestrina), Canon Young, HC, 12.30.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks M, 11 Rev J S Westmuckett; HC, 12 noon.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited, entry via Lincoln's Inn Gateway): 11.30 Morning Prayer and Sermon, A, O Lord God (P C Buck), Rev F V A Boyse; Organ Voluntary, Piece Heroique (Cesar Franck).

TOWER OF LONDON (public welcomed) HC, 9.15, M, 11, TD Ireland in F, A, He watching over Israel (Mendelssohn). The Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, (public welcomed) HC, 8.30, MP, 11.15, TD, Smart in F, Jubilate Deo Moeran in E flat, A, O where shall wisdom be found? (Boyce).

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, 11, Choral Eucharist, Stanford in C Communion Salerdutes Domini (Byrd). The Resident Chaplain.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; M, 11, Ireland in C, A, Almighty God, which hast me brought (Ford); E, 3.30, Howells in G, A, O Lord, the maker of all things (Joubert).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist 11, Rev M Beech Parochus.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place: 11, Rev J Stott; 6.30, Invitation Service, Rev A Cornes.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, LM, 8 and 5.15, Matins 10.20, HM 11, Rev C I Somers-Edgar, Missa Solemnis (K.337) (Mozart), Solemn Evensong and Benediction, 6, Rev J W Holden, Rubbra in A Flat.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, HC, 8.15, Sung Eucharist, 11, Missa brevis (Britten), Ave verum corpus (Fauré), Rev Dr A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton HC, 8; Sung HC, 9; M 11, Rev S Millar, L, 6.30, Rev J Collins.

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS, Prince Consort Road, SW7, HC, 8.30, 12.05, Choral Morning Prayer and Sermon 11, A, Exaudi Deus (Gesvaldo), Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, (Sloane Sq Tube) HC, 8.30, HC, 10.30 Canon Roberts, HC, 12.10.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn, Opening of Stewardship Campaign, 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Rev R Harries, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), The King shall rejoice (Handel); 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123) HC, 9, M, 11, John Farrant, A, Surge illuminaire (Palestrina), the Rector, E, 6.30, Farrant, A, Deliver me from mine enemies (Parsons), Rev K Loveless.

ST BRIDES, Fleet Street HC, 8.30; 11, Choral Matins and Eucharist (Prebendary Dewi Morgan); Choral Evensong 6.30 (Sermon in music).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist, 11, Darke in A, A, Like as the Hart (Howells), the Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist, 11.00 EP 6.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 8.15 (said), 11 Choral Matins and Installation of the Rev Canon Trevor Beeson as Rector of St Margaret's, Westminster. The Rector.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion 9.45, Rev C Hedley, Morning Service 11.15, Norman Ingram-Smith; Choral Evensong 4.15, Evening Service 6.30, Rev F Stevens.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8 and 12.30 Sung Eucharist, 9.30 M, 11.15, E, 6.30.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street: LM, 8; 9.45, 7, HM 11, Canon Mascall, Missa Sine Nomine (Casciolini), Cantate Domino (Monteverdi), Adoremus te (Monteverdi); E and SB, 6.15.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8 and 11 Des, June Winfield, Mass in D (Dvorák), Locus iste (Bruckner), 6.30, Rev C K Hamel Cooke.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15; 12.15, M, 11, Rev M Hollingworth, E, 6.30, Rev E G H Saunders.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, HC, 8 and 9; Solemn Eucharist, 11, Missa Brevis (Leighton), Rev M Johnson.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: 11, Rev E Yorke, 6.30, Rev J Stott.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8, MP, 11, Canon Hammer, EP, 6.30, Prebendary Parker.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: M, 9, HM, 11, Missa super Le Berger et la Bergere (Lassus), Rev R Browne, L and B, 6, Rev D Priest.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Canon ffrench-Beytagh, Fiat Voluntas tua (Andriessen), Vater Unser (Schein).

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland) Pont Street, 11, Rev Dr J Fraser McLuskey, 6.30, Rev W A Cairns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland) Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15 and 6.30, Rev J Miller Scott.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL M, 10.30, Mass in G Minor (Vaughan Williams), O altitudo divitiarum (Guerrero), Adoramus te, Christie (Monteverdi), Vespers and Benediction, 3.30, Magnificat in D (Buxtehude), Adoramus te, Christe (Monteverdi).

THE ORATORY, SW7, HM, 11, Missa Brevis (Britten), LM, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 4.30, 7, Vesp (In te domine, Buxtehude), 3.30.

ST ANSELM AND CECILIA, Kingsway, SM, 11, Messe Breve (de la Tombelle), Benedictus es Domine (Rebmann).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place (Holborn Circus), SM, 11, Mass O Quam Gloriousum (Victoria), Recordare Jesu (Mozart).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6, Mass on a Gregorian Theme (Russell Woollen), Te deprecor supplico et rogo (William Byrd).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood, SM (Latin), 10.45, Missa Carminum (Isaac), Ave Maria (Victoria).

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (Sung Latin Mass), 12, 4.15, 6.15.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11, Rev B Tetley; 6.30, Mrs J Elphick.

ST JOHN'S WOOD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian-/Congregationalist), Lord's Roundabout, NW8: 11, Rev J Miller.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11, Rev Dr I Morgan, 6.30, Dr R John.

WEST LONDON MISSION, Hinde Street Methodist Church, W1: 11 David Mullins, 6.30, Stanley Chesworth.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct, EC: 11, Rev Dr B Johanson, 6.30, Rev R Dorey.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: 11, Rev Dr R C Gibbins.

HALLE TO LOSE CITY AID

Manchester's Halle Orchestra is to lose its £30,000 annual grant from the city. But two theatres and the city art gallery have been spared the axe. Both were to go in proposals to save the city more than £1m a year.

However, the city's cultural committee yesterday rejected a report recommending the closure proposals.

Now the theatres may have to cut one of their productions a year and the galleries may be closed for one or two days a week. But none will close for good.

The loss of cash to the Halle is only a small part of its annual budget.

University news

Liverpool
Honorary degrees will be conferred on the following at the midsummer degree congregations in July.
MA: Mr James Brown, permanent secretary and bursar, Guild of Undergraduates, Liverpool University, and Mr J. K. Douglas, accountant, founder and chairman of the Cancer and Polio Research Fund (Liverpool).
LLD: Mr George Thomas, Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Kenneth Thompson, former chairman, Merseyside County Council, and Sir David Bruce McNeill, High Court judge.
DMus: Miss Rita Hunter, soprano with the Sadler's Wells Company.
LHD: Sir Edgar Williams former general editor, *Dictionary of National Biography*.
The university will also confer honorary degrees on the following at a special congregation on September 6.
LLD: Sir Charles Carter, president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.
DSc: Professor Harold Hopkins, professor of Applied Optics, Reading University, and Sir Alec Merrison, Vice-Chancellor of Bristol University.
DEng: Sir William Hawthorne, Master of Churchill College, Cambridge.

Leicester
Honorary degrees will be conferred upon the following on July 16 at the De Montfort Hall:
D Litt: Professor Margaret Gowing, Professor of the History of Science, Oxford University, and Miss Maggie Smith, the actress.
DSc: Professor Stephen Hawking, FRS, Lucasian Professor of Mathematics, Cambridge University, and Dr Professor Silvio Weidmann, Professor of Physiology, Berne University.
LLD: Sir Henry Skinner, High Court Judge and formerly treasurer of the university, and Professor Randolph Quirk, Vice-Chancellor of London University.

Bath
Honorary degrees will be conferred upon the following:
Sir Kenneth Corfield, Chairman of the Engineering Council (DSc), Mr Reg Parker, former lecturer at the Bath school of engineering (MSc); Sir Peter Parker, chairman, British Railways Board, (LLD), Mr Derek H Roberts FRS, director of Hirst Research Centre, GEC (DSc); Baroness Seear, liberal life peer (D Litt), Sir Patrick Reilly, former Ambassador to USSR and France, (DLitt); and Professor J. Heslop-Harrison, FRS, Royal Society Research Professor, Welsh Plant Breeding Station, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth (DSc).

Buckingham
Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, will preside at a graduation ceremony today when three new honorary fellows will be admitted. They are:
Professor Arthur Pollard, Professor of English, Hull University, Sir Gordon Slynn, Advocate General, Court of Justice of the European Communities, and Mr Ralph Yablon, solicitor and industrialist.

OBITUARY

ELEANOR POWELL

Dancing star in film musicals



Eleanor Powell, who has died in Los Angeles, was undoubtedly the most brilliant tap dancer ever to grace the screen. It was often said of her, unkindly but not incorrectly, that all she could really do was tap. But when whole spectacular musicals were built round that single ability, there were few who were going to worry that as an actress and singer she was less than remarkable.

She was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1912, started dancing lessons almost as soon as she could toddle, and by the time she was 16 was dancing professionally in Atlantic City clubs during her school holidays. From there she was whisked off to a Gus Edwards revue in New York, and at the age of 17 she starred in her first Broadway show, *Follow Through*.

A number of other Broadway shows followed, including *Fine and Dandy* and *George White's Scandals*; as a result of the latter she made her first small appearance in films, as one of the acts in the film *George White's Scandals* (1935).

But her big chance in films came with *Broadway Melody of 1936*, a lavish M-G-M film in which she played the lead in a slim plot (allegedly it was a last-minute decision to star her) and was showcased in several extravagant tap routines. To the studio's surprise (they thought she lacked femininity) she was an enormous success with the public, and was instantly signed to a seven-year contract.

After one more Broadway show, the all-star Dietz and Schwarz revue *At Home Abroad*, she became the reigning queen of dance at Metro. The vehicles became ever more top-heavy with productions values, filled with astonishing transformation scenes, and hundreds of singers and dancers and military bands, through all of which Eleanor Powell tapped imperturbably, with superhuman speed and precision.

When she had half a chance in films like *Born to Dance* (1936), *Broadway Melody of 1938* (1937), *Rosalie* (1938) and *Honolulu* (1939), she showed an agreeable and unassuming personality. But the machine-gun fire of multiple taps a second was clearly felt by the studio to be her raison d'être.

The climax of her screen career came in 1940, when they finally let her do something different, by teaming her with Fred Astaire in *Broadway Melody of 1940*. It was the first time she had been give a partner of the same calibre, and the result was a sort of summit meeting of screen dance which, particularly in the "Begin the Beguine" number, achieved a height of style and subtlety never subsequently matched.

Nobody learnt from this, and as tap-dancing began to go out of favour in the 1940s, her career drooped. In her later films she tended to end up playing second fiddle to the comedy of Red Skelton (*Ship Ahoy*, 1942; *I Dood It*, 1943), and for the rest she did guest spots in films like *Thousands Cheer* and *The Duchess of Idaho*, which in 1950 was her last appearance on the big screen. In any case, she wanted to retire and devote herself to her marriage to Glen Ford (dissolved 1959).

Later she appeared on religious television, and made a sensational, if short-lived, comeback dancing at Las Vegas in 1961. Essentially hers was a short career, but memorable: there never was anyone vaguely like her, and she demonstrated conclusively that even when inferior films are forgotten, the genuine stars who appeared in them remain.

DR ALFRED SPINKS

Dr Alfred Spinks, CBE, FRS, chairman of the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development and of Charter Consolidated Limited, and a director of Dunlop Ltd, died on Feb 11, aged 64.

He was Britain's most prominent industrial chemist and biologist, respected, trusted, consulted and greatly liked and admired equally in the worlds of medicine, business, and scientific learning generally.

The son of A. R. Spinks he was born and brought up in Cambridgeshire; he was at school at Soham Grammar School from which he went to University College, Nottingham to obtain a first class degree in chemistry, and thence to Imperial College where he did research with Sir Ian Heilbron. He joined ICI in Manchester in 1941 at the time when the new science of chemotherapy was expanding very rapidly because of war-time needs, and worked closely with Dr Frank Rose, FRS, and others, as the founder of ICI's pharmacology and general work on drug metabolism and biochemistry.

He took part in the development of the new anti-malarials, the later sulphonamides, the antibiotics, and then the agents for non-infective disorders such as epilepsy. He sealed his studies and research in these areas by spending a year at Oxford and winning first class honours in physiology in 1952: no one in this country could, at this time, have matched the breadth of his knowledge in industrial pharmacology.

He went back to ICI to play a key part in the development of the first successful cardio-vascular drugs and in a variety of other areas. He acquired an international reputation and was especially concerned in establishing methods for modelling difficult diseases — such as those of the central nervous system — by animal and other experimental methods.

He became, successively, research director and deputy chairman of ICI's Pharmaceutical Division and established their new laboratories and headquarters at Alderley Park, near Macclesfield: from very small beginnings 40 years ago, this has now become ICI's most consistently innovative and profitable unit. In 1970 he became research director of ICI, and broadened his interests still further, in the fields of planning, international business, and over the whole of the chemical industry's wide-ranging technology. He was elected to the Royal Society in 1977 and made CBE in 1978.

Since his retirement from ICI in 1979 he had been equally in demand in the public and private sectors of the economy. He was president of the Chemical Society (now the Royal Society of Chemistry), chaired a joint group of the Royal Society, ACARD, and the Advisory Board for the Research Councils which imaginatively surveyed the new field of biotechnology. He had assisted in the government's work on the promotion of enterprise and innovation.

His approach to new or familar subjects had always been patient, painstaking, and enthusiastic. He was very well served by a formidable memory coupled with a keenly analytical mind and a love of imaginative new ideas. Many generations of younger people found him a kind, friendly, but incisively critical leader. He believed firmly in the ability of the affluent society to solve its problems by innovation and by the unfettered energy of the enterprising individual.

He particularly loved Shakespeare, the ballet, and classical music, and had a formidable range of verse, serious and comic, at his command. He had a craftsman's interest in photography and gardening. His family life was particularly happy, and he is survived by his wife (Patricia Kilner whom he married in 1946), two daughters, and two grandchildren.

'JO' MATTLI

"Jo" Mattli died on February 10 at the age of 77; continental elegance and style were his design hallmarks.

Giuseppe Gustavo Mattli was born in Locarno, Switzerland, and settled in England in 1933, but the dominant influence on his collections was his chic Parisian wife Claude.

In an era when high fashion still meant the tailored suit, Mattli's feminine French tailoring was in contrast to the more sober lines of Michael, Digby Morton or Hardy Amies, who were fellow members of the Incorporated Society of London Fashion Designers. His shapely cocktail dresses with clever details of cut and decoration were also applauded.

The "Top Twelve" designers included Charles Creed, who helped Mattli when his business ran into difficulties in 1955. The design house flourished in the 1960s, in spite (or perhaps because of) the influx of Mary Quant and the mini. Mattli was one of the first couture designers to sense the new mood and to move into ready-to-wear.

Dark, witty, an enthusiastic cook and bibliophile, Mattli once claimed that men are better at designing than women because they are more objective about the female body.

LORD SOUTHBOROUGH

Lord Southborough, managing director of Shell Transport and Trading from 1951 to 1970, died on February 4 at the age of 84.

The son of the first Baron Southborough by his second wife, he was educated at Westminster School and saw service in the First World War in the RNVR and at the Admiralty and the Foreign Office.

He joined the Royal Dutch Shell Group of companies in 1919. He succeeded to the title on the death of his half-brother in 1960.

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Saturday Review



Princes over the mob



National Portrait Gallery



Hulton Picture Library

The philosopher Bertrand Russell (1872-1970), far left, was then a lecturer at Trinity College, Cambridge. His active pacifism led to six months' jail in 1918.
Lady Ottoline Morrell (1873-1938), centre, social and literary hostess, made her home, Garsington Manor, Oxfordshire, a refuge for conscientious objectors.
D. H. Lawrence (1885-1930), left, was not a pacifist — he was twice rejected, on health grounds, for military service — but regarded the war as wholly evil.
Lady Cynthia Asquith (1887-1960) was the daughter-in-law of the Prime Minister, H. H. Asquith (Liberal; Coalition from May 26, 1915).

As the First World War raged, D. H. Lawrence nurtured his own dream of the brave new world that would follow it — and expounded his hopes in letters to the cultural and social élite whose doors had been opened to him by the success of *Sons and Lovers* . . .

To Lady Ottoline Morrell, 1 February 1915

Greatham, Pulborough, Sussex
Dear Lady Ottoline,

I must write you a line when you have just gone, to tell you how my heart feels quite big with hope for the future. Almost with the remainder of tears and the last gnashing of teeth, I could sing the "Magnificat" for the child in my heart.

I want you to form the nucleus of a new community which shall start a new life amongst us — a life in which the only riches is integrity of character. So that each one may fulfil his own nature and deep desires to the utmost, but wherein the ultimate satisfaction and joy is in the completeness of us all as one. Let us be good all together, instead of just in the privacy of our chambers, let us know that the intrinsic part of all of us is the best part, the believing part, the passionate, generous part. We can all come croppers, but what does it matter. We can laugh at each other, and dislike each other, but the good remains, and we know it.

And the new community shall be established upon the known, eternal good part in us.

This present community consists, as far as it is a framed thing, in a myriad contrivances for preventing us from being let down by the meanness in ourselves or in our neighbours. But it is like a motorcar that is so encumbered with non-skid, non-puncture, non-burst, non-this and non-that contrivances, that it simply can't go any more.

I hold this the most sacred duty — the gathering together of a number of people who shall so agree to live by the *best* they know, that they shall be *free* to live by the best they know. The ideal, the religion, must now be *lived, practised*. We will have no more *churches*. We will bring church and house and shop together. I do believe that there are enough decent people to make a start with. Let us get the people. Curse the [Lytton] Strachey who asks for a new religion — the greedy dog. He wants another juicy bone for his soul, does he? Let him start to fulfil what religion we have.

After the war, the soul of the people will be so maimed and so injured that it is horrible to think of. And this shall be the new hope: that there shall be a life wherein the struggle shall not be for money or for power, but for individual freedom and common effort towards good. That is surely the richest thing to have now — the feeling that one is working, that one is part of a great, good effort or of a great effort towards goodness.

It is no good plastering and tinkering with this community. Every strong soul must put off its connection with this society, its vanity and chiefly its fear, and go naked with its fellows, weaponless, armourless, without shield or spear, but only with naked hands and open eyes. Not self-sacrifice, but fulfilment, the flesh and the spirit in league together, not in arms against one another.

And each man shall know that he is part of the greater body, each man shall submit that his own soul is not supreme even to himself. To be or not to be is no longer the question. The question now, is how shall we fulfil our declaration "God is". For all our life is now based on the assumption that God is not — or except on rare occasions.

We must go very, very carefully at first. The great serpent to destroy, is the Will to Power: the desire for one man to have some dominion over his fellow man. Let us have *no* personal influence, if possible — nor personal magnetism, as they used to call it, nor persuasion — no "Follow me" — but only "Behold". And a man shall not come to save his own soul — let his soul go to hell. He shall come because he knows that his own soul is not the be-all *and the end-all, but that all souls* of all things do but compose the body of God, and that God indeed Shall *Be*.

I do hope that we shall all of us be able to agree, that we have a common way, a common interest, not a private way and a private interest only.

It is communism based, not on poverty, but on riches, not on humility, but on pride, not on sacrifice but upon complete fulfilment in the flesh of all strong desire, not on forfeiture but upon inheritance, not on heaven but on earth. We will be Sons of God who walk here [. . .] on earth, not bent on getting and having, because we know we inherit all things. We will be aristocrats, and as wise as the serpent in dealing with the mob. For the mob shall not crush us nor starve us nor cry us to death. We will deal cunningly with the mob, the greedy soul, we will gradually bring it to subjection.

We will found an order, and we will all be Princes, as the angels are.

We must bring this thing about — at least set it into life, bring it forth new-born on the earth, watched over by our old cunning and guarded by our ancient, mercenary-soldier habits.

My wife sends her greetings and pledge of alliance. I shall paint you a little wooden box.

Au revoir D. H. Lawrence

To Bertrand Russell, 24 February 1915

Greatham, Pulborough, Sussex

Dear Bertrand Russell,

Your letter was very kind to me, and somehow made me feel as if I were impertinent — a bit. You have worked so hard in the abstract beyond me, I feel as if I should never be where you have been for so long, and are now — it is not my destiny. And if you are there beyond me, I feel it impertinent to talk and write so vehemently. I feel you are tolerant when you listen. Which is rather saddening. I wish you'd tell me when I am foolish and *over-insistent*.

I have only to stick to my vision of a life where men are freer from the immediate material things, where they need never be as they are now on the defensive against each other, largely because of the struggle for existence, which is a real thing, even to those who need not make the struggle. So a vision of a better life must include a revolution of society. And one must fulfil one's vision as much as possible. And the drama shall be between individual men and women, not between nations and *classes. And the great* living experience for every man is his adventure into the woman. And the ultimate passion of every man is to be within himself the whole of mankind — which I call social passion — which is what brings to fruit your philosophical writings. The man embraces in the woman all that is not himself, and from that one resultant, from that embrace, comes every new action.

Apart from this, a man can only take that which is already known, hold it to himself, and say "this is good — or true — and this is not good, not true". But this is only the sifting or re-stating of that which is given, it is not the making of a new movement, a new combination.

I hope this doesn't sound all foolish to you.

I wrote a book about these things — I used to call it *Le Gai Savaire*.[1] I want now to re-write this stuff, and make it as good as I can, and publish it in pamphlets, weekly or fortnightly, and so start a campaign for this freer life. I want to talk about it when I come to Cambridge. I want to come — I want to come on the 6th and stay to the 8th — but are the two nights too long? I don't want you to put up with my talk, when it is foolish, because you think perhaps it is passionate. *And it is not much good my* asking you about your work. I should have to study it a long time first. And it is not in me.

I feel quite sad, as if I talked a little vulgar language of my own which nobody understood. But if people all turn into stone or pillars of salt, one must still talk to them. You must put off your further knowledge and experience, and talk to me my way, and be with me, or I feel a babbling idiot and an intruder. My world is real, it is a true world, and it is a world I have in my measure understood. But no doubt you also have a true world, which I can't understand. It makes me [. . .]sad to conclude that. But you must live in my world, while I am there. Because it *is* also a real world. And it is a world you can inhabit with me, if I can't inhabit yours with you.

I hope I shall see Lowes Dickinson too

D. H. Lawrence

[1] 'Study of Thomas Hardy' in *Phoenix, the Posthumous Papers of D. H. Lawrence*, ed., Edward McDonald (1936).

To Bertrand Russell, 26 July 1915

Greatham — Pulborough

Dear Russell,

I rather hated your letter, and am terrified of what you are putting in your lectures. I don't want tyrants. But I don't believe in democratic control. I think the working man is fit to elect governors or overseers for his immediate circumstances, but for no more. You must utterly revise the electorate. The working man shall elect superiors for the things that concern him immediately, no more. From the other classes, as they rise, shall be elected the higher governors. The thing must culminate in one real head, as every organic thing must — no foolish republics with foolish presidents, but an elected King, something like Julius Caesar.

And as the men elect and govern the industrial side of life, so the women must elect and govern the domestic side. And there must be a rising rank of women governors, as of men, culminating in a woman Dictator, of equal authority with the supreme Man. It isn't bosh, but rational sense. The whole thing must be living. Above all there must be *no* democratic control — that is the worst of all. There must be an elected aristocracy.

As for Horace Bottomley,[2] a nation in a false system acting in a false spirit will quite rightly choose him. But a nation striving for the truth and the establishment of truth and right will forget him in a second.

I shan't come to Garsington at once, because I am not quite in the mood. We are going on Friday to the seaside, to Littlehampton for a week. Then we go to London. Then we might arrange a meeting all together at Garsington, if Lady Ottoline can do with us.

Frieda sends her Greetings.

Yours
D. H. Lawrence

We must have the same general ideas if we are going to be or do anything. I will listen gladly to all your ideas: but we must *put our ideas together*. This is a united effort, or it is nothing — a mere tiresome playing about, lecturing and so on. It is no mere personal voice that must raised: but a sound, living idea round which we all rally.

[2] Horatio William Bottomley, MP and founder of *John Bull*, later gaoled for fraud.

Today D. H. Lawrence and his wife Frieda (here played by Ian McKellen and Janet Suzman in a scene from the new Christopher Miles film, Priest of Love) are seen as apostles of a new sexual freedom, and of a heady avant-garde in literature and art. But it is possible to see them as part of a rarefied élite enjoying an aristocratic lifestyle in a disintegrating world. Palisaded by their pacificism from the horrors of the First World War, cushioned from the realities of working-class hunger and violence which Lawrence had left behind to flirt with the upper classes mentally and physically, they existed in an intellectual quarantine, in arcadian settings such as Lady Ottoline Morrell's Garsington

To Lady Ottoline Morrell, 29 July 1915

Greatham — Pulborough
My dear Lady Ottoline,

We are going down to Littlehampton tomorrow to the sea, for a few days. I feel I want to be blown and washed, and to forget. We were at Littlehampton on Sunday; the Radfords are there, also Lady Cynthia [Asquith] was there. We have a very good bathe, very good indeed. There was a strong wind that never ceased, and the waves came travelling high — much water travelling heavily and swinging one away. It *was very good indeed*.

Bertie's letter chagrined me. Are we never going to unite in one idea and one purpose? Is it to be a case of each one of us having his own personal and private fling? That is nothing. If we are going to remain a group of separate entities separately engaged, then there is no reason why we should be a group at all. We are just individualists. And individuals do not *vitally* concern me any more. Only a *purpose* vitally concerns me, not individuals — neither my own individual self, nor any other.

I want very much to come to Garsington if we are going to be a little group filled with one spirit and striving for one end. But if we are going to be a little set of individuals each one concerned with himself and his own personal fling at the world, I can't bear it.

Let us see what we can do, how we can do something, when we come back from Littlehampton . . . The post-man is here —

au revoir
D. H. Lawrence

To Lady Cynthia Asquith, 3 August 1915

Littlehampton — Tuesday
My dear Lady Cynthia,

We have lived a few days on the sea-shore, with the waves banging up at us. Also over the river, beyond the ferry, there is the flat silvery world, as in the beginning, untouched: with pale sand, and very much white foam, row after row, coming from under the sky, in the silver evening: and no people, no people at all, no houses, no buildings, only a haystack on the edge of the shingle, and an old black mill. For the rest, the flat unfinished world running with foam and noise and silvery light, and a few gulls swinging like a half-born thought. It is a great thing to realise that the original world is still there — perfectly clean and pure, many white advancing foams, and only the gulls swinging between the sky and the shore.

It is this mass of unclean world that we have super-imposed on the clean world that we cannot bear. When I looked back out of the clearness of the open evening, at this Littlehampton dark and amorphous like a bad eruption on the edge of the land, I was so sick I felt I could not come back: all these little, amorphous houses like an eruption, a disease on the clean earth: and all of them full of such a diseased spirit, every landlady harping on her money, her furniture, every visitor harping on his latitude of escape from money and furniture.

One watches them on the seashore, all the people: and there is something pathetic, almost wistful in them, as if they wished that their lives did *not* add up to this scaly nullity of possession, but as if they could not escape. It is a dragon that has devoured us all: these obscene, scaly houses, this insatiable struggle and desire to possess, to possess always and in spite of everything, this need to be an owner, lest one be owned. It is too horrible. One can no longer live with people: it is too hideous and nauseating. Owners and owned, they are like the two sides of a ghastly disease. One feels a sort of madness come over one, as if the world had become hell. But it is only super-imposed: it is only a temporary disease. It can be cleaned away.

Of course your husband will go to the war and love it much better than you, if you want him to make money. It doesn't matter whether you *need* money or not. You *do* need it. But the fact that you would ask him to work, put his soul into getting it, makes him love better war and pure destruction. The thing is painfully irrational. How can a man be so developed, as to be able to devote himself to making money, and at the same time keep himself in utter antagonism to the whole system of money. If he is in antagonism, he is in antagonism. And he will escape, with joy, from the necessity for money and the production of money, into war, which is its pure destruction.

One must destroy the spirit of money — the blind spirit of possession. It is the dragon for your St George: neither rewards on earth nor in heaven, of ownership: but always the give and take, the fight and the embrace: no more: no diseased stability of possessions, but the give and take of love and conflict, with the eternal consummation in each. The only permanent thing is *consummation* in love or hate.

[D. H. Lawrence]

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Mike Westbrook

who begins a UK tour with his jazz band at the Round House in London tomorrow



The crayoned scrawls on the year planner in Mike Westbrook's music room record his engagements for 1982. As with the past few seasons, the bulk of them indicate jazz festivals in Continental towns, large and small, predominantly French and Scandinavian.

Since 1975, when he achieved a remarkable success with his small brass band at the Sigma Festival in Bordeaux, such events have been the lifeblood of the most distinguished British jazz composer of his generation. When he talks about his development over the last half-dozen years, these are the reference points: Pori and Willisau in 1978, for example, or Santarcangelo in 1980. At home, very little. Only Bath 1973, an arts workshop event at which the brass band was born, springs to mind.

Nearly every town in France, he says, has its own jazz festival, even if it amounts only to a single weekend each year, usually promoted by local students who book an American star, a European attraction and several local bands. Thousands turn up: the jazz audience, for some reason, is far broader and more healthily inquisitive than in Anglophone countries.

By contrast, his invitations to the handful of British jazz festivals are scarce. There is a feeling among the inner circle, Westbrook suggests, that his music is not serious enough; he also misses the feeling, which is particularly strong in France, that jazz is associated with other attitudes to life. He mentions feminism, for instance, and the anti-nuclear movement. He is happy about such connexions, so long as they do not imply that he toes a party line; the whole thing, he suggests, is about being free and honest and not always having something to say about every social and political topic.

British suspicions about Westbrook's "seriousness" were probably fired a dozen years ago, when he wound down his involvement with the mainstream jazz scene and began to look elsewhere: at rock, at poetry, at conventional and street theatre. The early 1970s were the period of his collaboration with Adrian Mitchell on *Tyger*, the William Blake musical, for the National Theatre; of the extravagant mixed-media events of the Cosmic Circus, with John Fox; and of Solid Gold Cadillac.

This was no great conspiracy to achieve commercial success, he says. His sextet and his concert band, which had performed such large-scale works as *Release*, *Marching Song* and *Metropolis* in the late 1960s had run out of steam. He simply felt a need to communicate on a wider scale, and the idea of learning the theory behind the appeal of simpler musical forms seemed attractive. The rock scene was wide open to experiment, and he wanted to know how pop songs went about their function of



expressing universal feeling. During this era, particularly with Cosmic Circus, he came to like the sensation of being involved in a genuinely popular music.

Even then, he was still writing extended pieces like *Citadel/Room 315* and the seven-hour *Copan/Backing Track*, but the formation of his brass band, almost by accident, provided a focus for all the various strands of his work. It was infinitely flexible, for one thing: as easily adapted to an informal concert in an old people's home as to the meticulous staging of his "jazz cabarets", *Mama Chicago* and *Hotel Amigo*. He discovered that it could perform virtually any kind of music, from Elizabethan airs and "Bless This House" to Thelonious Monk's "Jackie-ing". Importantly, the presence of two singers — his wife, Kate Westbrook, and Phil Minton — encouraged him to continue the task of setting texts to such hybrid music.

His achievements with the brass band are at the heart of *The Cortege*, the two-hour composition which Westbrook's 16-piece orchestra is taking around Britain on a Contemporary Music Network tour, opening tomorrow at the Round House in London. A meditation on death in the form of orchestral settings of poetry from France (Rimbaud), Germany (Hesse), Spain (Lorca), England (Blake, of course), Sweden and elsewhere, much of it discovered or suggested by friends during his trips abroad, it has its origins in Westbrook's responses to the deaths of his father and of Duke Ellington, his first and most enduring influence.

While its structure may seem discursive, and the orchestral techniques involved draw on virtually every form he has ever explored, *The Cortege* is based on carefully formulated schematics; at its earlier handful of presentations, however, these have never been allowed to intrude on the spontaneity of the performance, which finds eloquent expression in solo passages by Phil Minton, who also plays trumpet, by the trombonist Malcolm Griffiths, and by the saxophonist Chris Hunter.

Like all Westbrook's pieces, even *Bright as Fire*, the Blake sequence which is still regularly performed by the small group, *The Cortege* is a work in continual flux, although the infrequency of its appearance and the size of the ensemble makes rapid alterations and additions more difficult. It is also the first part of a projected trilogy, planned to describe the pattern of a traditional New Orleans jazz funeral: the procession to the graveyard, the funeral service, and the joy of the returning parade.

Eventually, he muses, the complete work might involve a truly epic scale of presentation, perhaps the musical animation of a complete town—taking over the radio, the supermarket Muzak systems, and so on. "I'm in no hurry," he adds. "I tend to take one thing at a time, and I'm lucky in that they usually tend to turn out better than I'd imagined."

Richard Williams

New York / John Heilpern

Saviours of America's Theatre?

In the past I have taken a few swipes at serious theatre in America. And why not? It has often hit me for six. But this week, I am happy to burn my boats and declare the emergence of two major playwrights whose talent may yet save the theatre here from its deadly, commercialized, compromised self.

Charles Fuller's *A Soldier's Play* for the Negro Ensemble Company firmly establishes Mr Fuller as one of the most intelligent voices in contemporary American theatre. At 24, the younger David Henry Hwang's two short plays for the Public Theatre, *Dance of the Railroad* and *Family Devotions*, confirm the exciting potential of an important (and adventurous) new American playwright. Both have great plays, perhaps The Great American Play, in them.

More to the point, though one is black and the other Chinese-American, neither should be labelled "minority" or "ethnic". Each speaks forcefully of what it is like — and what it takes — to be a minority in America. At the same time, each writer transcends this and speaks to everyone of an intense struggle for identity in modern life, whether black or white, Asian-American or indeed English. Because if that were not the case, and their special achievement, I would not be able to write this.

Hwang's *Dance of the Railroad*, which lasts little more than an hour, strikes me as the work of a genuinely original talent. Set in California in 1867, it is a dialogue between two Chinese labourers building the transcontinental railroad — not, you may think, the most accessible of themes. But one character is a former Noh Theatre actor sold into servitude by his impoverished parents, while the other is a naive new immigrant from China, a fool apparently, who embraces the American Dream.

It is an exquisite poem that is acted out for us (and wonderfully so by Tzi Ma and John Lone, who also directed). "Can you be a locust?", asks the proud Noh Theatre actor, teaching his young fellow-worker some traditional skills. "I wasn't born to be a locust", comes the sharp reply. "Exactly", adds the old actor. "I wasn't born to work on the railroad either".

How much must each of them compromise to survive? And which is right — the proud outsider who values his identity and cultural past, or the carefree youngster who believes he will be fulfilled and happy possessing neither?

"Stand up!", commands the older man. "Who are you — a Chinaman or a duck?" "Give me a second to remember", comes the reply.

It is a funny and touching play, posing question after question about identity and belonging, dying cultures and invented myths, rootlessness and modern America. And of course, there are no easy answers — not here.

In the plays and films of the admired Steve Tesich, for example, you find the easy wholesome answers to the immigrant dilemma. Mr Tesich (*Breaking Away*, *Four Friends*) believes sentimentally and simple-mindedly in the American Dream. His immigrants from the Old World merely "win through" in the New. All it takes, apparently, is a chorus of "The Star Spangled Banner".

Or in Jules Feiffer's latest play, *Grown Ups*, which also concerns problems of identity and belonging, all you really get, it seems, are neurotic answers to the same old neurotic problems. But Hwang is not concerned with the traditionally bourgeois questions and answers. The startling achievement of *Dance of the Railroad* is that this young, virtually novice playwright thrusts us into ideas and rituals of a very different order.

That was the shock of his second play this season at the Public Theatre, *Family Devotions*, for it seemed at first to be little more than a slick sit-com, a Chinese Neil Simon with wisecracks to match. "Anyone can make money in America. What's hard is becoming a celebrity!" "This country proves the beauty of the free enterprise system — if you want to be a bum, it lets you be a bum. That's America!"

True, but not enough the short play — again only an hour or so — appears to be a light satire on a rich assimilated Chinese-American family living ludicrously in Los Angeles with Betamax video, rock music, Hockney swimming pool, tennis club and the edicts of the *Wall Street Journal* and *Vogue* magazine. Until the wild card: an elderly uncle visits the family from China. He bears gifts: a tiny flag and a toy Chinese dragon purchased at the airport.

And what follows rips the play unexpectedly apart in the form of violent ritual exorcism and death, shattering the illusions and false gods of both sides. It is a shocking climax. But for all that, *Family Devotions* does not quite work. It is less complete than *Railroad*, as if it were en route to a bigger statement and a bigger play. Mr Hwang has that play in him, and at 24 he has time enough to experiment more.

In an ideal world, this year's Edinburgh Festival would snap up his *Dance of the Railroad* and its two fine actors, and the National Theatre would import the Negro Ensemble Company's excellent production of Charles Fuller's *A Soldier's Play*. Mr Fuller is somewhat in the orthodox narrative tradition of Arthur Miller, and in *Soldier's Play* he has created a tragic hero as pitiful as Willy Loman.

His play is also about the search for identity — though in this case, the identities of both a murderer and his victim. Intriguingly, it is more a search for the identity of the victim than of the killer. All we see at the start of the action is the shooting of a black sergeant in a Louisiana army base. The time is 1944.

On one level, *Soldier's Play* is a detective game — a good story, and like Miller, Mr Fuller knows how to tell one. What emerges however — what we are lulled into — is not the stereotype drama of racialist whites versus blacks, but a play about one man's desperate ideals.

They belong to the black victim. The appalling tragedy of this trapped and brutal man is that had he not been murdered, one feels he would have killed himself. He despises the passive black identity of his Uncle Tom "children" in the army. "They oughtta work you niggers till your legs fall off", he spits at them during training. "You brings us down, boy," he tells an unambitious, sunny recruit. "The black race can't afford you no more."

He despises such blacks, and he despises himself — for shedding his own black identity, for trying to belong, for trying to make it in the white man's world on their terms and failing pathetically. Which way is right — to remain yourself, however retrogressive it may seem, or to compromise in an effort to succeed and "belong"?

It may be that Mr Fuller has written *Soldier's Play* to explore a black tragedy, and that would be enough. What is troubling me is that within his driven, desperate, alienated hero may be found a part of us all.



Tzi Ma and John Lorie in "The Dance and the Railroad" at the Public Theatre, New York.

Radio/David Wade

Live correspondence

Though written for the stage and performed there in New York and London, Rosa Leiman Goldemberg's *Letters Home* (Radio 3, February 7, Director Cherry Cookson) was the kind of play which appears to have been made for radio. Based on the letters written by Sylvia Plath to her mother and edited under the same title by Mrs Plath, it consisted of the same two elements: the letters and a brief narrative-cum-reflection. This is a territory radio knows well and Anna Nygh (Sylvia) and June Brown (Mrs Plath) played their stage parts as if they had been conceived for sound.

In fact these parts were better balanced than my *description* of them *might* suggest, for the text of the letters was often delivered antiphonally by both voices, thus creating the impression of a live correspondence. And what a vivid one it was, as it traced a life from college days through marriage — with Ted Hughes, the poet — to eventual suicide.

Of course the end was known in advance and in this knowledge it was very difficult not to see everything as leading up to it as if preordained. For example, the early letters above all depict a girl of the most enthusiastic first responses: all new things are seen in rainbow colours. College is marvellous; London is marvellous, "every alleyway crowded with tradition"; marriage, too, is marvellous. But then, by a process of reversal familiar in such personalities, when things aren't marvellous, they become as bad as possible.

And how little it takes to set off a reverse, for the euphoric state depends, and evidently did so here, on the continual approving attention of the outside world. It is no surprise then when still at college, she enters a profound trough and makes a serious suicide attempt. By now how can we see the second and successful one as anything but inevitable.

And yet the play seemed to me to suggest rather the opposite. For as Sylvia grew older, the mood of her letters began to oscillate less violently and her death came not at the bottom of yet another wild roller-coaster plunge from heaven into nether hell, but in a crisis of her life where even the most stable might have contemplated making an end. Abandoned by Hughes, alone with her children in a remote West Country house, then moving to an awful dump in London — the stresses now were mostly independent of her mood and must have been immense. The last letters reflect this: they suggest a woman hard-pressed, even desperate, but fighting her way out. Yet she never made it. What happened? Did the roller-coaster reassert itself?

Dramatically speaking, Capital Radio continues in regular if infrequent business. But it still has to turn in a play of real weight and Robin Smyth's *A Choice of Enemies* (February 7) brought the day no nearer. Yet this was a well-written and even gripping piece of work. In a series of sharply linked scenes and good authentic dialogue, it told how a young, straight, but disillusioned policeman is accidentally killed by a bullet intended as come-uppance for his bent superior. Unfortunately time and treatment gave little opportunity to explore the implications of a story whose message therefore seemed to be *that* coppers on the whole are bent.

Time is also against Alison Plowden's *Great Families of England* (Radio 4, Sundays) whose four 45-minute parts to date have chiefly revealed the problems of compressing centuries of history, even if only of one family per part. As if to persuade us that something of importance is happening, noble music ushers in each programme, John Julius Norwich narrates and famous names figure in the cast. But the narration is historical-travelogue stuff and the names play negligible roles in dramatized sequences most of which are quite ludicrously curtailed. Altogether a bit of a mess.

Television/Dennis Hackett

Unlikely love story

Petersham is an ex-West End playwright in the autumn of life whose plays are a memory in the minds of older audiences and who has only a slim hope of immortality in a routine biography by a non-too-prestigious publisher. We found him awaiting the author, making tea and soliloquizing with the fluency born of a lifetime of word-spinning at the start of BBC2's Payhouse production, A Shilling Life, last night.

She proves to be a businesslike young woman with a clutch of pot-boiler biographies behind her and a precise idea of what she wants for the next, making him "feel like the Parthenon about to be snapped by an American tourist".

The package, he fears, is too constraining for his wit and experience. This and the matter-of-fact composure of his interviewer in face of his sophisticated baiting, combine with his distaste and sense of ignominy to make him change his mind about the biography.

Her apparent departure produces instant regret but she returns, not for the biography, but for dinner, bed, and, inevitably, the morning after. The first two have been something of a success but in the morning things are not too good.

He is trying to rekindle the warmth that went before; she is trying, at his behest, to read one of his plays, so things don't go too well. He interviews her, probing her broken marriage and her educational background, exposing her acceptance of her failed ambition to be a writer even at his lesser level.

Both having had a degree of exposure, peace breaks out and she is telling him how much she has enjoyed it all really when he dozes off — the penalty no doubt of broken sleep at that age.

And that's it. Exeunt all or, at least, Eric Porter and Julie Covington, both of whom sustained this little, unlikely love story with great skill without quite being able to conceal that it was somewhat stretched at 50 minutes. Still it had its moments and some good lines and this first play by Guy Meredith offered prospects of better to come.

Rosemary Hill was the producer and the direction, able within the confines, was by Michael Heffernan.

● Lorin Maazel, general manager and artistic director designate of the Vienna State Opera, is not to continue with the *Ring* cycle initiated by the present director, Hofrat Seefehlner. Since the première of the *Rheingold* production last season, both the conductor Zubin Mehta and the stage director Filippo Sanjust have asked to be released from the project.

Theatre/Irving Wardle

A classic triumph

Hobson's Choice

Haymarket

Triumph Productions deserve a mention in dispatches for putting a season of serious work into the present West End front-line, and it is a relief to be able to offer an almost unreserved welcome to their first show.

Much loved classic though it is, *Hobson's Choice* still seemed an unlikely candidate for the "Haymarket Play", but Ronald Eyre's production manages to reconcile the inescapable pressures of star casting and scenic grandeur with the integrity of a comedy of lower-middle class Salford in the 1880s.

Horatio Hobson's Chapel Street shoe shop would probably have fitted four times into the space it gets on this stage; but thanks to the detail Kenneth Mellor has put into its gaslight fittings, window lettering, and acres of forbidding chocolate paint, the establishment becomes as authentically impressive to us as to Horatio's workforce — driving home the sheer scale of Willie Mossop's achievement when he succeeds in taking it over.

Brighouse's plot is a brilliant reversal of two English legends: showing a Cinderella outgunning the ugly sisters, and a Katherina training up a reluctant Petruchio. Just how she pulls it off has always puzzled me. You can follow Willie's motives in seizing his masterful bride when her bullying father assaults him with a strap. But he declares he has no love for her; and her only strategem for turning him into a man is to treat him as a pupil and lead *him* off into the bedroom by his ear.

The comedy is a wholehearted defence of the kind of overbearing Northern women whom Northern playwrights usually delight in tearing to shreds. As such, it needs a Maggie with some charm and even a touch of affection. In this version it receives the attentions of Penelope Keith

The other two principals offer undiluted joy. Anthony Quayle's Horatio has clearly suffered from his first marriage (not for nothing is he always sneaking off to the Moonrakers' Arms), and is fighting a losing battle against female "uppishness" right from the start.

Trevor Peacock, at first sight, looks too old for the guilelessly pliable Willie, but once that Caliban-like figure has climbed up from the workroom and begun transmitting all the shades of inherited poverty, craft skill, and human worth, you cannot imagine how else he could be played. His change from the wooden-jointed slave of the first act to the supple quick-moving master at end also evokes a third legend: *Pygmalion*.

Dance/John Percival

Manon

Covent Garden

Julian Hosking, playing Des Grieux for the first time made him seem surprisingly wholesome for someone involved in the unmitigatedly nasty world which Kenneth MacMillan's ballet tries to depict. The embarrassment he showed in the somewhat disorderly house of the character called simply Madame (surely a definite article got mislaid there?) was almost the liveliest emotion he displayed all evening.

Still, social realism is not exactly the most prominent feature of the production; you will find more of that in *Coppelia* for instance. Hosking's approach, in fact, is not out of place in the sentimentalized treatment of the plot, and the ease with which his Des Grieux slips into tearful self-pity at evey opportunity is arguably closer to the Abbé Prévost's original conception of the character than other, more recent interpretations.

Similarly, the way he and Jennifer Penney, in the title part, danced their duets caught something of the solipsistic attitude of Prévost's characters; all the outward show of love as an excuse for indulging in a nice, self-centred emotional wallow.

Not surprisingly, given the tricky and risky nature of the duets, Hosking seemed at times a little cautious in undertaking them for the first time, but his partnering was sure and smooth throughout. In the solos, too, he revealed a very presentable strength of technique and a sufficiently forceful manner. He is not the sort of dancer to impose a strong interpretation on a dramatic role, and it might have been more rewarding to put *him* in one of the classical roles (as Albrecht, maybe, as *Giselle* is due back in the repertory soon), but he made not a bad showing in this less congenial role.

Lesley Collier, as the most prominent of the disreputable ladies, danced notably well but looks even more misplaced than Hosking.

Concerts/Noël Goodwin

Philharmonia/Ashkenazy

Festival Hall

By my reckoning there were not less than a dozen different soloists at the Philharmonia Orchestra's concert. Eight of them were the wind instrument principals, who very properly had their pictures in the programme and the platform to themselves for a performance of Stravinsky's Octet in place of the conventional overture. And a diverting beginning it made, with a keen balance of instrumental focus and individual skill except for some lack of impetus in the finale.

Vladimir Ashkenazy, who directed the Stravinsky performance, then made his familiar double image as both conductor and pianist for Mozart. Effective though that may be in some concertos, I was not convinced that it worked well enough for the larger scale and grander spirit of the C Major Concerto (K503). The opening movement became unduly wayward in character and the andante sounded laboured; only in the finale was there a sufficiency of response in ensemble.

The conductor came fully into his own with an eloquent account with the long and often harrowing symphony N8. by Shostakovich. Divorced from the wartime circumstances that brought it about, yet in a world seemingly little less troubled in spirit, the work bears a dramatic, sometimes heart rendering witness to a man's belief in himself and in his purpose as an artist against the contending forces around him.

Even while the first of the five movements was in progress we were listening to a high level of orchestral virtuosity which was sustained throughout, and to which various other instrumentalists within the orchestra made distinctive solo contributions. The unusual effects, like the flutter-tongued chords for the flutes, added to a wealth of detail that made up an impressive performance wholly at the service of the music's intention.

Travel/edited by Shona Crawford Poole

Holiday discount news

Sooner or later all aspects of the discount market will be affected by the collapse of Laker, but the final results will only be seen in the long run. Meanwhile, Horizon are already announcing that there will be extra seats available, and no surcharge on departures in March, April or May.

Neilson have a further list of "Price melters" for Italy, Austria and France (from several airports) ranging from £109/£169 for a 7/17 day holiday — prices are guaranteed and final but the choice of destination is theirs, not yours, and there is a varying basis for meals.

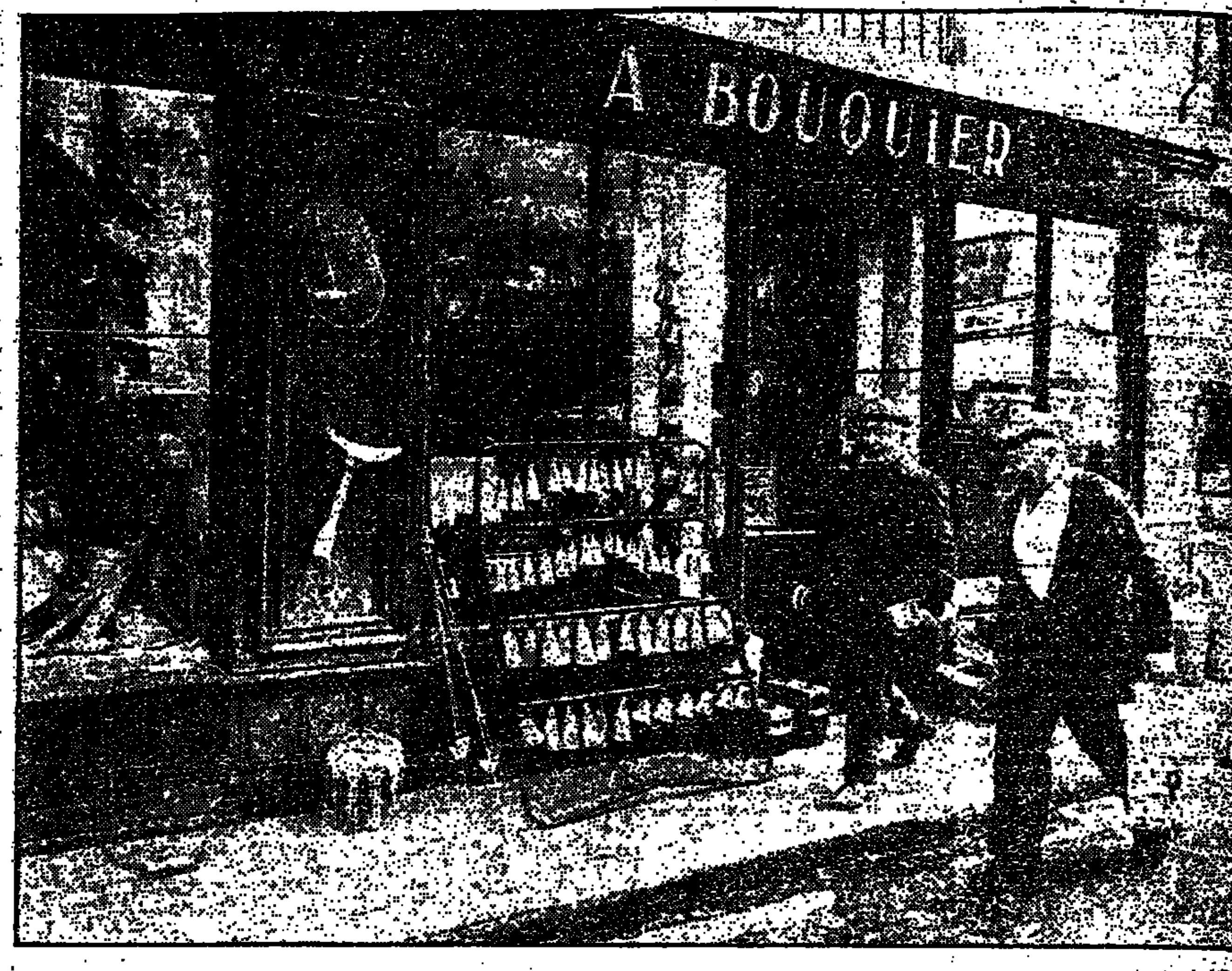
Global's reduction of £30 per person on all Italian ski holidays is extended to departures on February 13 and 27 from Gatwick, and 7 and 14 night holidays are still available in Madesimo, Santa Caterina, Livigno and Chiesa. A one week, half board holiday at the Persicre Miravelle would cost from £102.

Destination	Nights	Company	Price	Save	Departures
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Madesimo, Italy	7 h/b	Skiscene	£149	£15	Mar 13
Meribel, France	7 s/c	Ski West	£130	£20	Feb 20
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Zermatt	7/14 s/c	Ski West	£125/180	£30	Feb 27
Courchevel, France	7 f/b	Ski West	£189	£40	Feb 27
Meribel	7/14 f/b	Ski West	£179/279	£40	Mar 6
Verbier, Switzerland	7 s/c	Ski West	£119	£20	Mar 6
Courmayeur	7/14 h/b	Ski West	£150/225	£30	Mar 6
Chiesa, Italy	7/14 h/b	Global	£102/132	£30	Feb 27
Santa Caterina, Italy	7/14 b&b	Global	£95/132	£30	Feb 27
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Caspoggio, Italy	7/14 f/b	Swans	£74/142	£50	Mar departures
Livigno, Italy	7/14 f/b	Swans	£131/236	£50	Mar departures
Passo Tonale, Italy	7/14 h/b	Swans	£114/199	£50	Mar departures
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Malta	14 h/b	Portland*	£159	£50	Feb 19 Luton
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Auvergne/Peter Black

A prospect to lift the spirits



You have a good idea of the characteristic Auvergne landscape from the top of the volcano named the Puy de Dome, which rises like a giant inverted teacup 4,000 feet above the high valley of the Limagne, itself nearly 1,000 feet above sea level.

The view is stupendous, 200 miles in all directions, covering one-eighth of all France. On the warm autumn day when I was there a blue haze blurred these far distances, but the chain of dead volcanoes of which the Puy de Dome is the tallest stood out, gently majestic, under the skin of green turf that covers the scars left by the convulsions that formed the Massif Central 50 million years ago. Like all high places they create an indelible impression of great age and calm.

The violent geological history is dramatized in what they call an audio-visual presentation in an underground cave at Volvic, well worth seeing if you do not suffer from claustrophobia, cold, or a conviction that you would learn more from a book.

Britons who know this part of France say, "Ah, yes, the Auvergne," in the tone of one remembering pleasure. (Its tourism got a powerful boost from the drinks commercial which exploited the songs of the Auvergne shepherds). But the only British I met were a coachload of disciples of the mystic philosopher Tielhard de Chardin, who grew up there.

The area in which I was travelling, the countryside outside Clermont Ferrand, is a beautiful, sparsely populated land of forests, pastures, lakes, hills; an all-year-round centre for an action holiday, for in the long, bright, cold winter the summer places where you ride, walk, fish, camp, become centres of cross-country and downhill skiing. On this trip, however, my closest acquaintance was with old churches and food. My hosts overrated my appetite for the former, but judged the latter to nicety.

The Auvergne is dotted with magnificent Romanesque churches going back to the eleventh and twelfth centuries. For me these are places in which to sit quietly and think about, but I could not get away from well-meaning experts who wanted to tell me about the north transept. It is always better to take a guidebook which offers the same information in silence.

Judged by production figures, French farming may be inefficient. Those small farms that are so pleasant to look at, each with its woodpile, manure heap, stacks of hay and corn-cobs, horses hanging their noble heads over the gates and flocks of poultry clucking about, have not changed for centuries. But the product certainly does not taste inefficient. It may be profligate to make 20 different cheeses in the Auvergne, but it is not by this standard that the French consider food — particularly cheese, which they regard, as they do their wines, with the intense respect due to a living creation that represents generations of patient skills.

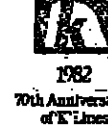
My first meal was at the restaurant at Clermont Ferrand airport. (Imagine a visiting French journalist being taken to eat at Heathrow!). My hosts presented the selected cheeses, and described their separate qualities, with the proud smiles of parents introducing talented and prize-winning children. Their Joseph is St. Nectaire, made since the dark ages in and round the village it is named for; there are still 700 small farmer-producers turning the stuff out by traditional methods. Whether these families will survive the growing tendency of the young to leave the land for industry is the problem the Auvergne lives with always.

I was there to taste as many of the finest local dishes as could comfortably be taken in during a four-day visit; an invitation that I did not need to have repeated in a loud voice. The most typical dish, not to be missed, is the "potee" ("Copieuse Potee Auvergnate" said the menu), a rich stew constructed round shin of pork and sausage with new potatoes, cabbage, carrot, eaten with the light red wine of Chateugay.

Another dish well worth the trip was rabbit stewed with and served with so many cloves of garlic it could have been called stewed garlic with rabbit sauce. The fragrance was ambrosial. This meal ended with a novelty for me; a cooked whole peach dusted with fragments of mint.

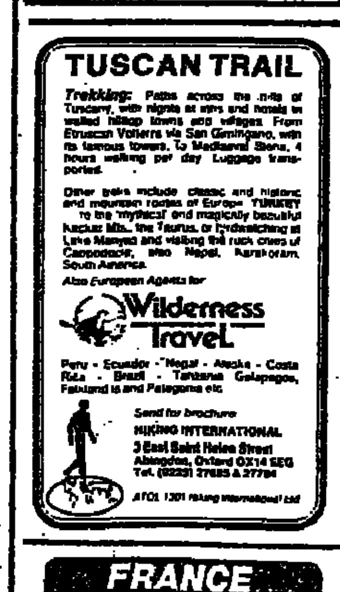
I enjoyed without reserve the range of freshwater fish — salmon, trout, crayfish — and the pike resemblers named Sandre and Potte. But to attempt to describe the taste of food is to risk breaking into the flushed and hectic prose of P.G. Wodehouse's novelist Rosie M. Banks. I say only that nobody complained or threw bread about during meals.

At the other end of the gastronomic possibilities I drank a glass of the thermal waters which have bubbled from their source since the land settled into its present shape.



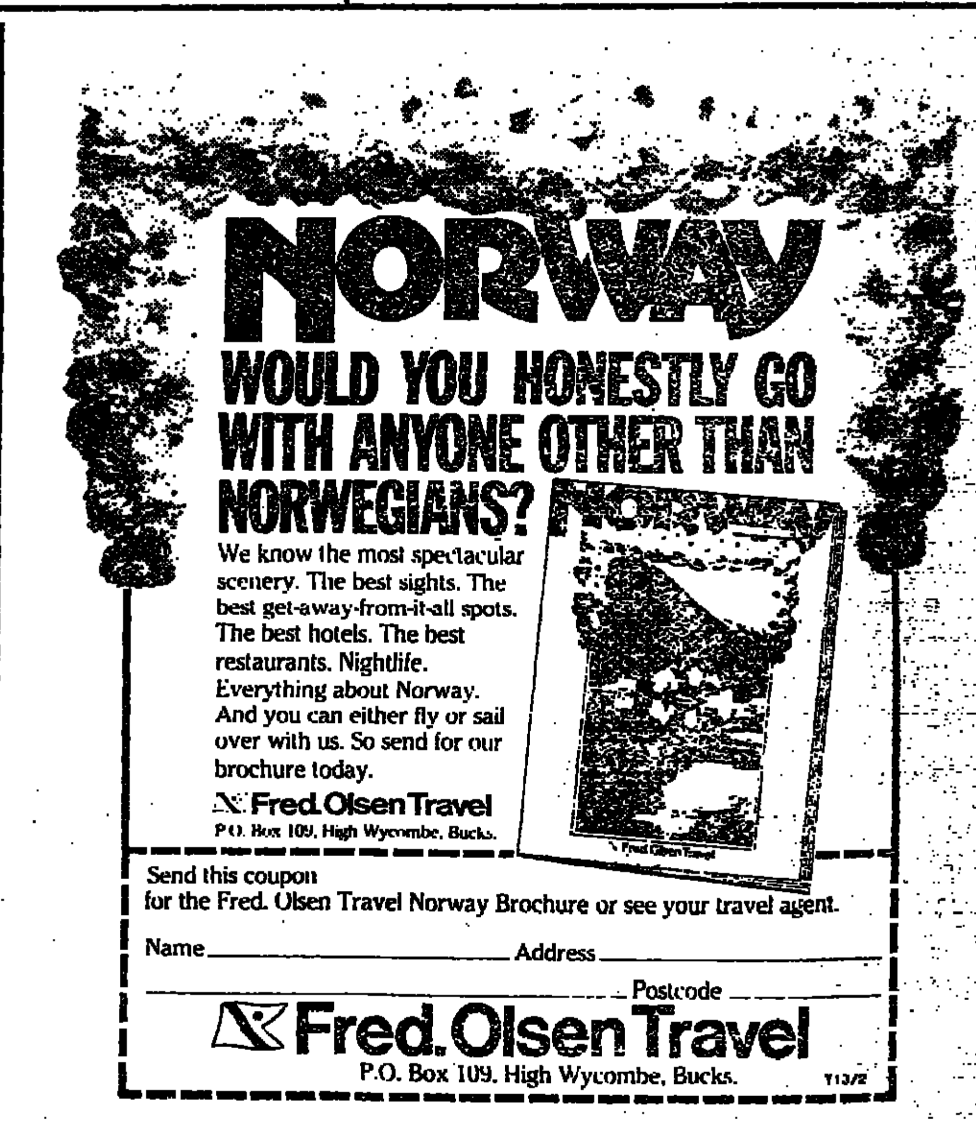
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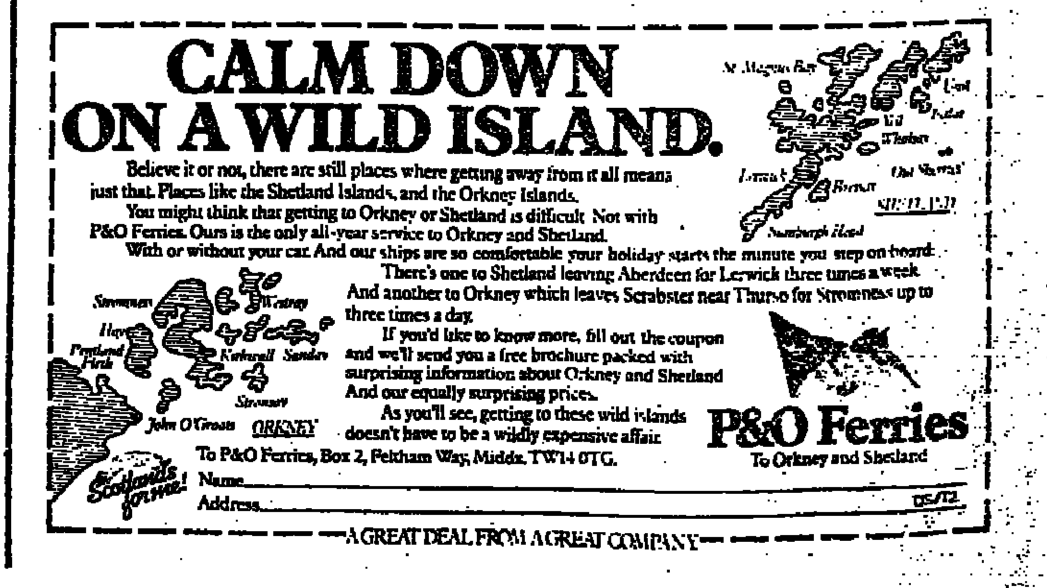
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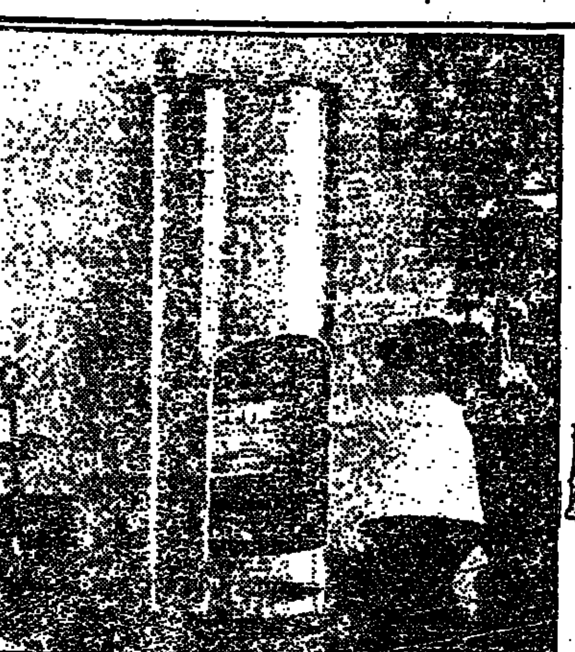






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Shoparound with Beryl Downing



The Pither Studio stove, with or without back boiler, from £304.75 for the 5.9kw size.



The Godin oval stove, 30.3in high, burns wood or solid fuel. £258.75.

Fashion shapes these stoves

The bleak *midwinter — don't be* fooled by the sunshine — seems an odd time to open a shop devoted to stoves and central heating. In a well ordered world, everyone should have completed their heating installations somewhere about last September and should have been stewing satisfactorily ever since.

It seems, however, that the newly fashionable stoves are as much of an impulse buy as Mars bars, but with a somewhat longer term energy output. And of course, there are always people like me, who need advice because their central heating was installed by a plumber's mate who appears to have knitted the pipes together — and dropped a few stitches to boot.

So The London Stove Centre which has just opened at 49 Chiltern Street, W1, provides a welcome and comprehensive service for everyone interested in solid fuel heating. There are already several shops offering antique stoves, but none in Central London which provides a complete range of modern ones and reproduction ones, plus all the fittings and any advice you may need on installation.

Kit Kershaw, who owns the centre, was converted to the idea *of solid-fuel stoves six years* ago when the price of oil forced him to find an alternative form of heating his 25-roomed house in Hertfordshire. The stoves were so successful that he began to sell them and it was not long before he added to his British collection by importing stoves from America and Europe.

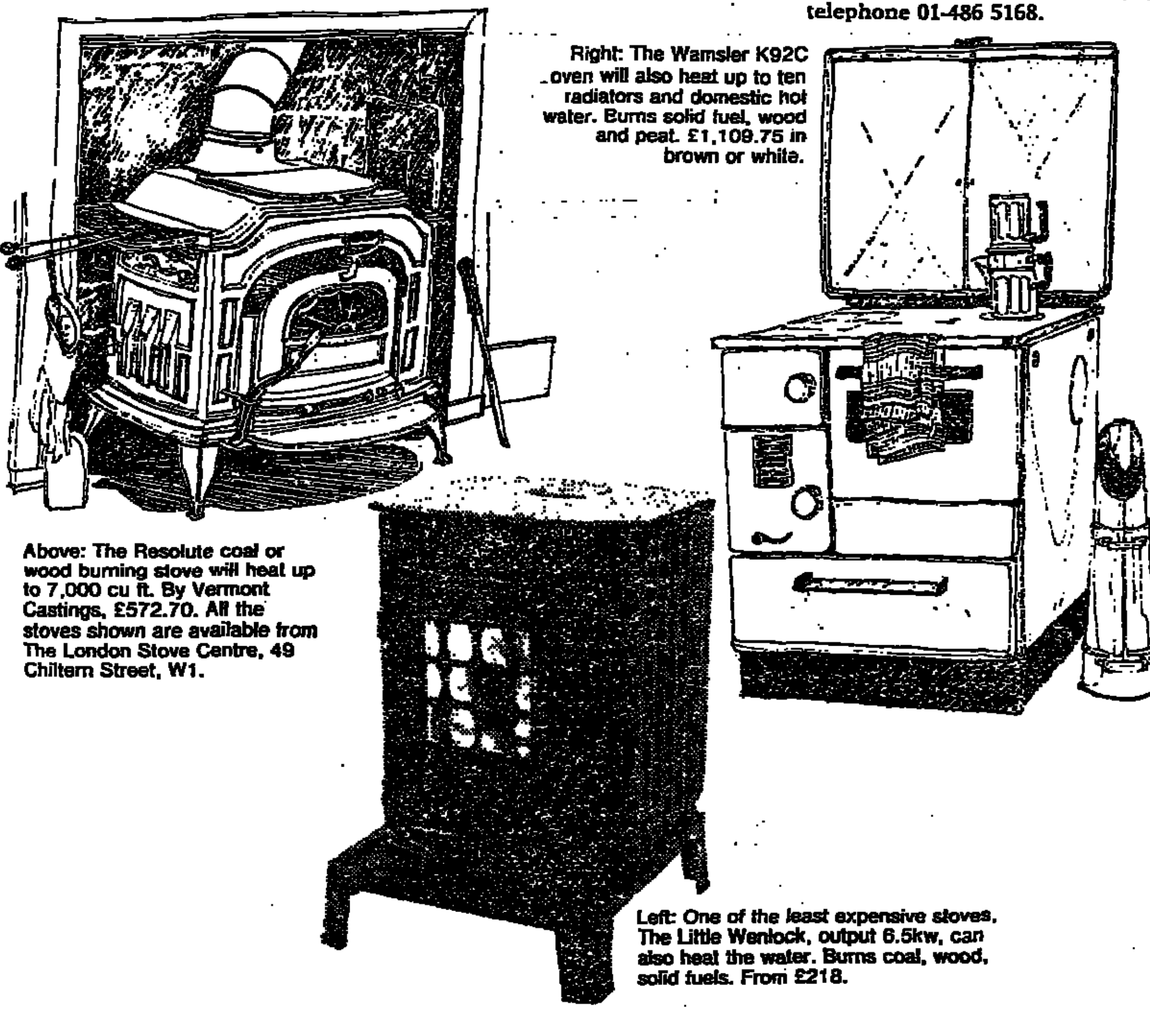
The stoves he enthuses about most — and until you have heard an engineer rave about one, you will never understand the five star fascination of an iron box on legs — are the hand-made cast-iron jobs, architect designed for Vermont Castings, New England. Thermostatically controlled, they will keep going for 20 hours on anthracite, or overnight on wood, and the style is "Georgian" — not so much a stove as a piece of furniture that heats, says Mr Kershaw. There are three models, from £572.70 to £793.50

There are also some highly individual designs — a tiled Italian cupboard of a stove that looks as if it should contain cocktails rather than coal, and a German "kogel" stove that looks like an opera singer in a tight corset — and some decorative French models by Godin, based on nineteenth-century designs and in attractive colours.

British stoves are well represented by the elegantly simple stainless steel column, the Pither Studio anthracite stove — two sizes, with or without a back boiler, from £304.75 to £461.15 — and the Wenlock variety act, Little and Much.

Both are multi-fuel burners, the Little Wenlock producing an output of about 6.5kw for £218.50 (£276 with boiler for hot water) and the Much Wenlock producing 10kw for £362.25 (£431.25 with full central heating boiler). This boiler can also be plumbed into an existing gas or oil fired system to save on total fuel costs, along the same lines as the SFAS Link-Up, reported on this page last September.

Apart from recommending stoves and systems to suit your needs, The Stove Centre will advise on pipes, fittings, coal merchants — they will even recommend a chimney sweep in your area. Or, if you prefer to do it yourself, they have sets of rods — the Clean Sweep kit — which extend to 30 ft at £15 (£3 p & p) plus a special non-scratch brush, developed by Kit Kershaw, £6 (50p p & p). For further details and brochures of individual stoves, telephone 01-486 5168.



Right: The Wamsler K92C oven will also heat up to ten radiators and domestic hot water. Burns solid fuel, wood and peat. £1,109.75 in brown or white.

Above: The Resolute coal or wood burning stove will heat up to 7,000 cu ft. By Vermont Castings, £572.70. All the stoves shown are available from The London Stove Centre, 49 Chiltern Street, W1.

Left: One of the least expensive stoves. The Little Wenlock, output 6.5kw, can also heat the water. Burns coal, wood, solid fuels. From £218.



Mesh necklace in woven multi-coloured nylon can be twisted and expanded to become more transparent, or stretched and attached to the shoulders. By Caroline Broadhead, £110 at the V&A craft shop. Photo by Charles Thomson.

Flashes of inspiration

Modern jewelry that leaps and spirals with flashes of brilliant colour, like a jazz trumpeter in orbit, is on display at the Victoria & Albert Museum craft shop until March 4. It is the work of two of our most innovative jewellers, Caroline Broadhead and Eric Spiller.

Caroline Broadhead uses monofilament nylon to create flexible neckbands like basketweave collars and armpieces stretching from wrist to shoulder like multi-coloured sleeves. Also on show are examples of her tufted jewelry — painted wood bangles, circular, triangular and square, set with soft nylon bristles and worn sandwiched together in pairs. Prices are from £44 for a "push-together" tufted necklace, £63 for a single bracelet.

Eric Spiller's work concentrates on the interplay of colour and reflection of light on various surfaces, using intermingled circles of transparent nylon, PVC, stainless steel and aluminium, anodized in a variety of bright colours. He is showing a series of brooches from £15 to £55 and bracelets at £47.

The Craft Shop at the V & A is open Mondays to Thursdays 10 am to 5.30 pm, Saturdays 10 am to 5.15 pm and Sundays 2.30 pm to 5.15 pm. It is closed on Fridays.

Love that rather special cake

I have just eaten my heart out. It tasted of sugar and brandy, which has nothing to do with the slow fermentation you suspect but simply that the heart in question was a particularly delicious Valentine cake.

It arrived rather too late for me to tell you about it in time for tomorrow, but the makers have just started a small homemade cake company and will invent confections for every occasion.

Invent is the operative word — these cakes are laced with imagination as well as stuffed with fruit, and if you want Jonathan Rhind to design something suitable for a children's party his first reaction will be to ask whether the food is required to be thrown or not.

He and his partner Amanda Lines, who is a trained cook and has been concentrating on directors' luncheons until now, will make any sort of "theme" cake you could imagine, tropical ones, underwater ones, children's party cakes with a full working merry-go-round on top. A simple 8in, 4lb fruit cake costs £10 (plus £2.50 delivery in the London area). A space rocket or a ship is around £15.

For more details telephone Rhind & Lines, 01-253 6532 during the day or 01-334 8511 evenings or weekends.

Another specialist in decorative cakes opened recently at 66 Lower Sloane Street, London SW1. Anne Fayrer combines skills in cake making and in flower arrangement, having spent ten years at Searcy Tansley's and two at the London School of Floristry and Constance Spry.

Weddings are her favourite subject as they give her the opportunity to design a cake painted with flowers to match the bridal bouquet, but she also does all sorts of novelty iced sponge cakes in the shape of telephones, typewriters and hamburgers; she has even made a full size replica of James Hunt's broken leg in plaster cast, with graffiti.

About a week's notice is needed for a complicated cake. Simple iced cakes start at £7 (no delivery, you must collect or they will send in a taxi) to around £80 for a three-tier wedding cake. Telephone 01-730 6277.





The very latest tile

Spending a night on the tiles has always struck me as an unnecessarily uncomfortable pursuit but these days, I have discovered, it can be tolerably aesthetic. This has nothing to do with my advancing years but simply because I have just met a designer who produces tiles that are, literally, pretty as pictures.

Her name is Christina Sheppard and ever since she attended her first life drawing class in Paris at the malleable age of six she has been mad about drawing.

So her tiles are decorated with no ordinary, stamped out designs, but with meticulously composed illustrations.

The technique she mainly uses is scraffito — literally a scratching through the glaze — which is particularly versatile and allows a great variety of subjects and colours. There are 50 different pictures in her series of country tiles — two are illustrated — and they are available at £2 each from the Best of British, Museum Street, London, W1, Domus, Muswell Hill, the Lock Shop, Camden Lock, and That New Shop, Hampstead. Also available in Liverpool, Norfolk, Suffolk and Tunbridge Wells. For stockists telephone 01-405 9966.

Apart from these, Christina Sheppard produces more conventional designs of animals, birds, fruit and fish and also blue and white brushstroke designs, like traditional Dutch tiles. She will undertake individual commissions for private houses and for public buildings; one of her most recent was a 9 ft × 8 ft mural for the Shakespeare Centre, Stratford-upon-Avon.

If you would like to discuss your ideas with her, you can see her either in Doughty Street, London WC1 or at Wood Farm in Suffolk. Please telephone first to make an appointment: 01-405 9966 or 0728-831 131.

Well-padded industry

There was a time when I was taking evening classes in upholstery at the same time as studying for an external degree in social psychology. So penetrating was my insight into the human mind that it did not occur to me until some time later that as I was making my couch so should I lie on it. I have never picked up my webbing stretcher since.

My half-finished sofa and I would benefit enormously, I am sure, from the Upholstery Weekends offered by Sandra Rowney at her Norfolk farmhouse. She runs an upholstery business and she teaches traditional methods using horsehair and hessian — not that dreadful pre-formed foam.

Weekend students arrive for Friday dinner. Tuition is from 9.30 am to 5 pm Saturdays and Sundays and all the materials you need will be in stock, plus a selection of fabrics and furniture if you haven't a piece you are already working on.

The weekend, including meals, is £50, or you can go for a day's tuition, including coffee and lunch for £15. More details from Sandra Rowney, Victoria Farmhouse, Private Road, Earsham (nr Bungay), Norfolk. Telephone Bungay 4360.

Handworkers who prefer a slightly more delicate approach might like to consider a Tuesday morning course on tapestry at The Pearson School of Needlepoint in London. It offers basic instruction on canvas work techniques and stitches and it caters for beginners and intermediate needlewomen.

The course lasts four weeks and costs £37.50, plus £11.50 for materials. There are several other courses — dates and details from Ehrman, 21/22 Vicarage Gate, London W8 4AA. 01-937 4568.

For those outside London, Ehrman has just produced its second tapestry catalogue. It features some very attractive designs, including a delightful sampler and an elegant chair seat by the Royal School of Needlework, eight cushions by Kaffe Fassett (Turkish lace is particularly pretty) and three frame designs from Madeira.

All the designs are available *mail order and the catalogue is* free from the Vicarage Gate address, where Ehrman has just *opened a new shop devoted to* needlework — just send a stamped addressed envelope at least 9in x 6in.

Gardening/Roy Hay

Ride on for the right finish

Last year saw much fierce competition with "no holds barred" advertising in the small to medium-sized lawn mower market but there was really not much radical development to report. Nor is there for the mowing season now approaching.

Rather it has been a struggle between British, American and Japanese manufacturers vying with each other as regards quality and price.

Starting with the largest machines we have an ever-increasing choice of ride-on mowers. Small garden tractors are increasingly popular for grass cutting, also for towing leaf sweepers, cultivators, snow-throwers and trucks. Many large estates, I am sure, are under-capitalized, trying to cope with a workload with inadequate machines, consequently under-using the labour — paid or unpaid — available for garden maintenance.

Compare the choice of garden tractor machines offered by the British firm Westwood, with the imported American tractors. Shop around, too, once you have decided on the machine of your choice, as some distributors are offering a free grass catcher with their large machines — worth up to £150, which is not to be sneezed at when we are considering machines costing about £1,000.

Turning now to small- and medium-sized mowers, 12in to 21in machines, the old arguments still go on — rotary versus cylinder mowers, and those with or without grass catchers. There are, too, the "hover" type versus the two wheeled machines and the wheeled rotary mowers versus those with a roller which gives the "banded cut".

In the welter of competitive machines it is good to see Webbs coming back energetically with a new generation of mowers of their traditional excellence. Their 14in, 18in and 21in motor mowers, giving 79 cuts to the yard are excellent. For a small lawn their 12in Witch hand mower with eight blades is easy to push and gives a "bowling green" finish.

The "hover" or "air cushion" mower market now presents an almost embarrassing choice since some of the Flymo patents ran out several years ago. I found the new Flymo TL 12in petrol air cushion machine and their 11in Flymo XE electric machines, the latter with a grass catcher, fine for a small garden. There are, of course, hover machines cutting up to 21in width.

Atco and Qualcast, of course, are fierce competitors of Flymo and it is well worth considering their ranges of both petrol and electric cylinder and hover machines.

I have not been much moved by the battle between those who advocate leaving the mowings to lie on the lawn and those who say we should pick them up either with a grass catcher or with a separate leaf sweeper, if the mower has no catcher. My own preference has always been to collect the mowings except in hot dry weather.

Very competitive in price is the Qualcast "Concorde" electric range, which includes, wheeled, rotary and hover machines. The "Suffolk Punch" mowers, also from Qualcast, from 12in to 17in and from £144 to £311, are excellent machines. To think that I bought my first powered mower, a 14in "Suffolk Punch" in 1953 for 29 guineas! How times change!

As in many other spheres Japanese competition is really hitting the home producers. The Honda machines are of good quality, easy to start and competitive as regards price. Honda's rotary machines do not have rollers, so no banded cut. If you wish, as many do, to buy British, try to compare Honda machines with those of, say, Mountfield, the pioneers of rotary mowers, and look particularly at their M5 machine, which has now been upgraded from a 4 to a 5 hp motor.

Hayter, too, have a proud record in rotary mowers and I would wish to look at their machines before choosing a Japanese model. Also, the Victa range has been held in the highest esteem by both amateur and professional users for many years. If the professionals, who really punish machines, think so highly of the Victa mowers we should certainly consider them — I had one once and it used to start like a charm.

In recent years we have seen a proliferation of lawn accessories — spiking and slitting machines and trimmers which cut grass in awkward corners, under bushes, around tree trunks or places where ordinary mowers cannot go. The trimmers, mains electric, battery or petrol engine-operated, are all efficient and it really depends how much and what kind of work — light or heavy trimming — is to be done, which one you choose.

For a garden of reasonable size and fairly light trimming I would choose a machine with a rechargeable battery.

For spiking and aerating lawns there are the "auto-spike" tools, in various sizes, to attach to 12in to 24in machines, available from Bob Andrews, Sunningdale, Berkshire. These make light work of this heavy chore, so necessary for a perfect lawn.

The Times Cook/Shona Crawford Poole

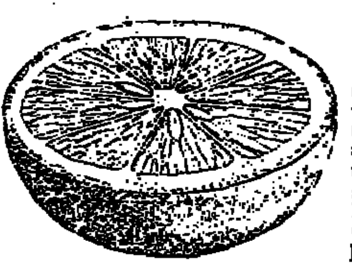
A finer shred of peel

Marmalade is the "something from home" most often requested by our foreign correspondents when anyone from the office is passing through their far flung territories. And if *Times* readers are at all typical, large numbers of men are the family marmalade makers, as I learned from your letters when I last wrote about making it two years ago.

Then the recipes were for Oxford marmalade, and for my own particular favourite, a very dark, thick cut marmalade. So this time I have been making a Seville orange marmalade with finer shreds of peel, and a lemon and lime marmalade which demands even neater knife-work.

A really sharp knife is the first essential tool for marmalade making, and a large enough pan is the second. Slope-sided preserving pans are designed to allow speedy evaporation, so if you are using a straight-sided pan, it may take longer to reach a set.

- Wash the fruit well to remove dirt and chemicals.
- Ensure that the jars, whether new or recycled, are spotlessly clean. Heat them before filling in a very cool oven (110°C/225°F, gas mark ¼).
- Simmer the peel until it is very tender before adding the sugar because it will not soften any more once the sugar is in.
- Warm the sugar for 20 to 30 minutes in a very cool oven before adding it to the fruit. This helps it to dissolve faster and improves the taste and colour of the marmalade.
- Make sure that the sugar dissolves completely before boiling for a set or it may crystallize later in the preserve.
- To test whether setting point has been reached, usually after 10 to 20 minutes of rapid boiling, drop a little of the marmalade on a cold plate. When it stiffens and forms a skin almost immediately it will set.



- To stop the peel rising to the top of the jars allow the finished marmalade to stand in the pan off the heat for 10 to 15 minutes, then stir it well before potting.
- Packets of jam pot covers include discs of waxed paper. Put these, wax side down, on the surface of the marmalade as soon as the jars are filled. When they are cold, apply the covers.

Seville orange marmalade

Makes about 3.2 kg (7lbs)

900g (2 lbs) Seville oranges

2 lemons

2.25 litres (4 pints) water

1.8 kg (4 lbs) granulated or preserving sugar

Line a sieve with a square of muslin or a well boiled handkerchief and set it over a bowl. Cut the fruit in halves, squeeze out the juice and strain it into the bowl. Use a teaspoon to scoop the pips and ragged pieces of pith into the sieve. Tie the muslin into a loose bag and put it in the preserving pan with the juice.

Cut the orange peel only into fine strips about 2.5 cm (1 in) long and add them to the pan with the water. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer gently until the peel is very tender and the liquid has reduced to about half its original volume. This usually takes at least two hours.

Lift the muslin bag out of the liquid and squeeze as much as possible of its pectin-rich juice back into the pan. Now add the warmed sugar and stir the mixture on a low heat until the sugar has dissolved completely. Raise the heat and boil the marmalade rapidly. After 10 minutes begin to test for setting, and repeat the test every minute or two until a set is reached. Remove the pan from the heat and skim off any froth immediately. Allow the marmalade to cool a little, stir it well and pour it into warm jars.

Lemon and lime marmalade is especially good on very fresh dark rye bread. The recipe can, of course, be made with lemons only, and I have included it here for anyone who cannot find Seville oranges now, or wants to make marmalade after their short season which usually finishes at the end of this month.

Lemon and lime marmalade

Makes about 3.2kg (7lbs)

450g (1lb) lemons

450g (1lb) limes

2.25 litres (4 pints) water

1.8kg (4lbs) granulated sugar

Line a sieve with a square of muslin or a well boiled handkerchief and set it over a bowl. Cut the fruit in halves, squeeze out the juice and strain it into the bowl. Use a teaspoon to scoop out the pips and as much as possible of the pith into the sieve. Tie the muslin in a loose bag and put it in the preserving pan with the juice.

Cut the lemon and lime peel into very fine strips about 2.5cm (1in) long and add them to the pan with the water. Proceed exactly as for the Seville orange marmalade.

Architecture/Charles McKean

Underneath the arches

Located in that former desert for aesthetic topers — London's South Bank — the Archduke wine bar occupied a railway arch by the rear end of the Royal Festival Hall. It has been extended recently into a neighbouring railway arch — which must surely be one sign of success — and the architects have taken the opportunity to modify the interior layout to create new subtleties.

Railway viaduct arches are neither very large nor intrinsically exciting as spaces. Generally speaking, at first sight you have seen all there is to see. The design achievement in the Archduke is to arrange the bar in a series of half levels, exploiting the brick arches, to create a variety of spaces.

The imagination displayed by the architects, Hunt Thompson Associates, is almost Italian in the juxtaposition between the existing structure — untampered and unobscured, with the brickwork scrubbed down to a mellow russet, and startlingly modern and brightly coloured materials.

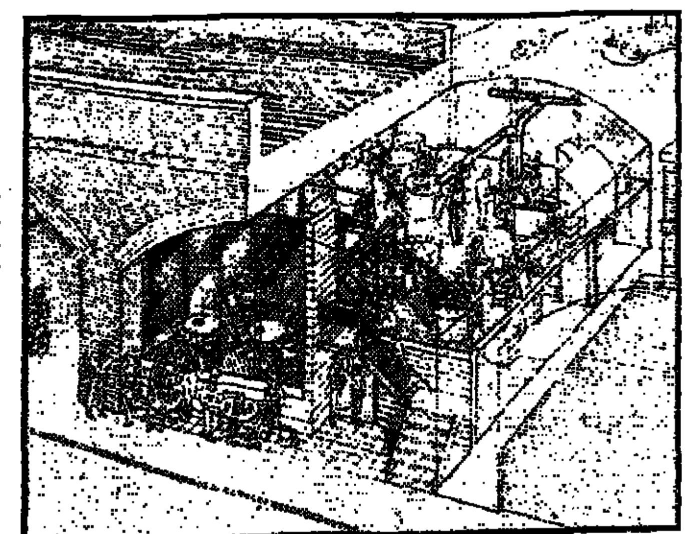
It is the way Italians treat modern shop and store design in historic buildings. By contrast — as the Civic Trust noted a few years back — the British habit has been to ignore the buildings in which shops are situated and obscure their inherent qualities by clashing fascias and differently proportioned display windows.

You enter the wine bar through the extension, on a diagonal which takes you through a brick arch to the main bar at ground level. From there, the structure rises in a series of half levels to the restaurant: and from the mezzanine, you can return through another brick arch back into the glazed extension which projects over the footpath in the second vault.

The new architectural elements are simple: glass for the great glazed gables of the arches; bright scarlet metal trunking for air extraction, and green metal for handrails and lighting supports; timber for upper floors furniture and structure; and brick and quarry tiles for wall finishes and ground level floor. The result is bright, cheerfully coloured, and yet suitably warm.

It is not that a substantial amount has been built; after all, such railway viaducts do not offer much space for construction. What is evident in the Archduke is the value of careful design coupled with few materials.

London must have hundreds of railway arches. Clearly they provide ample opportunity for skilful architects to convert at no great cost into high quality spaces. Is that not a challenge worth taking up?


The Archduke: full of surprises

Bridge/Jeremy Flint

Did you desert JR?

The BBC's first televised bridge match ended with Great Britain withstanding a sustained American counter-attack to win by the narrow margin of 7 IMPs. More important than the result was the reaction of players throughout the country to bridge on television. The bare statistics reveal that the average audience was one and a quarter million. As this was achieved in competition with rival attractions such as *Dallas*, it must be considered a gratifying response.

I am grateful to those readers who wrote to me or the BBC offering constructive criticism. The BBC plan a second series, and your comments will undoubtedly receive careful consideration.

The most frequent complaint was that the cards were difficult to see, especially in the diagrams illustrating the play. Apparently red presents particular problems on television, as the colour tends to "run". The obvious answer of enlarging the cards is impractical, because the effect would be to make the screen appear cluttered.

Many viewers thought the play went too fast, making it hard to follow. Some said it was unnatural for the players to smile or alter their facial expression. But if one accepts the soliloquies it would surely be flat and unnatural for the players to intone their lines with a deadpan face. Others thought that by including some very elementary comments, the programme would irritate part of its committed audience of good bridge players.

Finally, there was the journalist who could see no merit in the series at all. I could not help thinking that it was lucky Marconi did not have to present his invention to such a critic, for it would surely have been dismissed in a sentence, "Quite useless, it crackles".

I make no apology for resurrecting the dramatic hand which finally decided the match because there were a number of interesting points that the commentator did not have time to mention.

Black room

Board 63. Love all. Dealer West.

North: ♠KJ9 ♡KJ853 ♢J108 ♣95
West: ♠102 ♡AQ1064 ♢976 ♣Q62
East: ♠Q53 ♡7 ♢Q5432 ♣A1043
South: ♠A8764 ♡92 ♢AK ♣KJ87

W Granovetta	N Pat Davies	E Silverman	S Nicola Gardener
2♡	No	No	Double
No	No	No	—

Opening lead ♢J

Two boards earlier the Americans had taken the lead for the first time when Silverman had made his contract of Three Clubs doubled, to earn a substantial swing. For that reason, Granovetta was possibly imprudent to introduce a weak two bid on a five-card suit. South won the opening lead with the ♢K and cashed the ♢A, on which North contributed the ♢10, in an attempt to attract a spade switch.

South preferred the safe continuation of the ♡9. West took the ♡A and continued with the ♡10. When North won with the ♡J it was her turn to find the spade switch. Possibly reflecting that South might have taken the first trick with the ♢A followed by the ♢K instead of the other way round, she switched to a club, enabling Granovetta to save what could have been a crucial trick. 500 to Great Britain.

White room

W Rodrigue	N J Mitchell	E Flint	S G Moss
No	No	No	1♠
No	2♠	No	3♠
No	4♠	No	No
No	—	—	—

Opening lead ♢7

The opening lead was consistent with our style of leading the middle of three small cards. Sometimes, as here, a player will be unsure of his partner's holding in the suit. It was perfectly possible that West had ♢K97, in which case the failure to play the ♢Q could cost the defence its diamond trick. Luckily I guessed correctly when I played the ♢2. Declarer reasonably played a heart, but unwisely selected the ♡2. When Rodrigue won the ♡A he *knew* that my ♡7 must be a singleton, for in this setting it is mandatory to echo with a doubleton. If declarer had played the ♡9, concealing the ♡2, Rodrigue would have been forced to guess the distribution.

When Rodrigue continued with a second heart, declarer played the ♡K, a doubtful decision because good players usually duck when they hold the Ace unless they hold the Queen as well. Notice that if declarer had played the ♡J and subsequently guessed the position of the ♣A, she could have made ten tricks and won the match!

When I ruffed the ♡K, some players would have been rattled by the calamitous turn of events. Not Gail Moss. She won my diamond return and made a very fine, if unsuccessful, attempt to recover. *She finessed the ♠J.* Why? The best hope was to find me with the ♣AQ10x and originally three trumps. To take advantage of that distribution she needed two entries to dummy. That apparently purposeless finesse was a far-sighted play aimed at creating a vital extra entry.

To summarise my final thoughts on the BBC's brave experiment, I cannot improve on the brevity of racing jargon. "Well made. Scope. Slowly into stride. Ran on well. Sure to improve".

Chess/Harry Golombek

What an eventful year

In my youth we were lucky to have one great tournament every two or three years; now they come in battalions. This year looks like being extremely rich. So far I have counted seven strong international tournaments, as well as the Olympiad and some Swiss system tournaments of grandmaster quality.

The year started off auspiciously with Hastings holding its highest category tournament ever in an event which was won, not particularly exceptionally, by the Soviet grandmaster Viktor Kupreichik. But on the way he was beaten by the 16-year-old English international master, Nigel Short, and an English international grandmaster, Jonathan Speelman, tied for second place with a former world champion, Vassily Smyslov. Another English Jonathan, international master Mestel, shared fourth place with last year's first prize-winner, grandmaster Ulf Andersson of Sweden.

England did even better in the strong Wijk aan Zee tournament soon after. This was a category 13 tournament, two grades higher than at Hastings. Grandmaster John Nunn achieved his biggest success so far by sharing first place with the Soviet grandmaster Yuri Balashov, ahead of and beating such great players as the former world champion, Mikhail Tal, and the Dutch grandmaster, Jan Timman, who is now second to the world champion, Anatoly Karpov, in the Elo ratings.

The rest of the year holds out great promise. From April 4-16 we have the four-yearly world championship for blind players at Hastings. Since chess is one of the few games that the blind can play with as much enjoyment as the sighted, and in view of the strong rivalry between the Russians and the Yugoslavs, this should be a most interesting event. The Braille Chess Association still needs about £6,000 to cover the cost of the tournament. Donations should be sent to the treasurer, David Milsom, at 30, Greenvale, Northfield, Birmingham B31 1PQ. Since this is a charitable organization, any donation would be useful to the donor for tax purposes.

From April 15-30 we have the strong Phillips and Drew Kings tournament at County Hall, London, co-sponsored by the GLC. At the last Kings tournament, in 1980, we had the challenger for the world championship, Viktor Korchnoi, playing in his usual dynamic fashion. This time the organizers have gone one better and Karpov is playing.

From May 4-22, there is a great tournament at Bugojno in Yugoslavia and the following month the Italians hold an interesting double-round



tournament in Turin in which the world champion again figures, the other seven grandmasters being Andersson, Hort, Hubner, Larsen, Nunn, Portisch and Timman. The organizers say the idea is to see if Karpov can demonstrate he is world champion at tournament play as well as in matches.

In July the successor to the IBM grandmaster tournament will be held in Holland, where another great tournament takes place from September 1-20.

The Tungsram firm intends to hold an international tournament in England, probably from September to October. This is the same firm that held a great tournament at Baden bei Wien in Austria in 1980. Then the first prize was shared by Spassky and Beljavsky, with Nunn coming a fine third.

What with the Olympiad at Lucerne (from the end of October until November 17) and a number of other, lesser grandmaster events such as the Banco di Roma this month, Dortmund in March and Bad Kissingen from April 24-May 6, we have an embarrassment of riches.

Last week I gave a game from Wijk aan Zee in which John Nunn shone. Here is another example of sparkling play from that tournament.

White: V. Hort. Black: M. Chandler. Caro Kann Defence.

	White	Black
1	P-K4	P-QB3
2	P-Q4	P-Q4
3	N-Q2	PxP
4	NxP	B-B4
5	N-N3	B-N3
6	P-KR4	P-KR3
7	N-B3	N-Q2
8	P-R5	B-R2
9	B-Q3	BxB
10	QxB	P-K3
11	B-Q2	KN-B3
12	O-O-O	B-K2
13	N-K4	P-QR4

A serious weakening of his Queenside that prevents him from castling on that wing and enables White to launch a strong attack on the other wing. Correct was 13.., Q-B2.

	White	Black
14	K-N1	NxN
15	QxN	N-B3
16	Q-Q3	Q-Q4
17	QR-K1	P-QN4

He cannot now play 17.., 0-0-0; on account of 18. P-QB4 when the QRP falls, but this pawn move still further weakens his pawn structure and better was 17.., P-R5.

	White	Black
18	N-K5	O-O
19	P-KN4	P-B4
20	P-N5	

And not 20. QxP which would present Black with a ready-made attack by 20.., KR-N1.

	White	Black
20	....	P-B5
21	Q-KN3	PxP
22	BxNP	N-K5

A mistake that precipitates disaster. Correct was the pawn sacrifice 22.., P-B6.

	White	Black
23	RxN	BxB

If 23.., QxR; 24. R-N1, BxB; 25. QxB, Q-R2; 26. N-N4, K-R1; 27. P-R6, P-B3; 28. PxP ch, QxP; 29. R-R1 ch, K-N1; 30. N-R6 ch, etc.

	White	Black
24	QxB	P-B3

If 24.., QxR; 25. R-N1, Q-R2; 26. P-R6, and if then 26.., P-N3; 27. N-N4, and Black dies of asphyxiation. Or if 26.., KR-Q1; 27. QxPch, QxQ; 28. RxQ ch, K-B1; 29. RxpCh, K-K1; 30. P-R7.

25 P-R6 resigned

A pretty finish; if 25.., PxQ; 26. P-R7 ch, K-R1; 27. N-N6 mate.

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week

this table is published on Wednesday and Saturday—FT change on week 570.5–7.6 (1.3%)

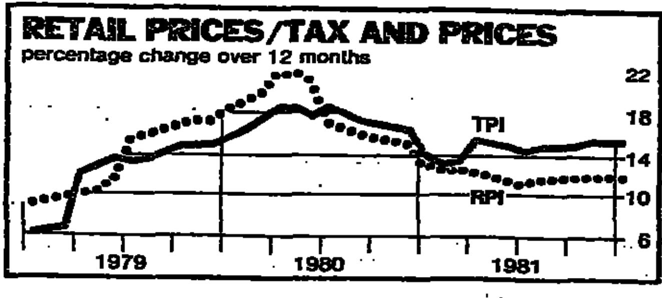
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BUSINESS NEWS

Index rises 15.6pc



The Government's tax and price index (TPI) has risen 15.6 per cent over the last year. This is the amount by which wages would have to increase to maintain the purchasing power. The TPI measures not only movements in prices (the retail price index rose 12 per cent in the last year) but changes in direct taxes as well. It reflects the fact that the Chancellor did not increase personal allowances in line with inflation in his last Budget, as well as the increase in employees' national insurance contributions.

Ronson still wants ACC

Mr Gerald Ronson said last night that his Heron Corporation was more determined than ever to gain control of Associated Communications Corporation amid reports that ACC directors, headed by Lord Grade, have reaffirmed their backing for rival bidder Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian. *Heron thought it had gone most of the way to convincing ACC directors it could meet objections to its bid. But yesterday the directors said they would stick with Mr Holems à Court with their 60 per cent of the voting shares.*

Pemex to raise $2,000m

Pemex, the Mexican state oil corporation, is to raise $2,000m from a group of banks. Half the amount will be used to consolidate short-term issues made last year. It is one of the biggest funding operations the Euromarket has seen.

EEC seeks hard line on Japan

The EEC Commission wants the community's trade dispute with Japan to be referred to a special panel under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The commission decided yesterday to propose the unprecedented step of invoking Article 23 of the GATT rules. The move, if approved by the EEC Council of Ministers, would represent a considerable toughening of the community's approach to its massive and growing trade imbalance with Japan.

At the same time, the commission wants the EEC member states to offer to reduce national restrictions on imports of Japanese goods in return for the Japanese moderating their exports to Europe.

Fewer mortgages

Building society net receipts in January were the highest since June 2, totalling £356m. This increase of £153m over December and nearly £300m higher than November. High mortgage rates, the icy weather and competition from the clearing banks cut the sum promised to home byers to £685m, the smallest amount for two years. A total of 43,000 home loans were promised in January, against 47,000 in December and 53,000 in November.

Technology move

A new British company, Technology and Innovation Exchange, which brings together inventors of high technology products and financiers, is finalizing its plans to expand in the United States.

MARKET SUMMARY

Takeovers hold the stage

LONDON EXCHANGE

FT Index 570.5 down 1.7. **FT Gilts** 65.04 down 0.30. **FT All Share** 327.11 down 1.62. *Bargains* 19,021.

Shares involved in takeovers and deals continued to be the centre of attention as the market ended the long, three-week account on a dull note with the *FT* index closing down 1.7 at 570.5.

After a hectic week, long-dated gilts ended £¼ down with short dates £¼ easier in steady two-way trading and relief at no new tap.

Textile and distribution group **Inter-City Investments** leapt from 19½p to 33½p after Carr Sebag picked up a 25.74 per cent stake from the directors and family interests at 10p per share on behalf of Metan Investment Establishment.

Mr Joseph Harris, chairman of Inter-City, said that Metan, a trading company, would be able to provide financial help for expansion and the company has been told that Metan would not increase its stake.

Among leading shares ICI closed unchanged at 346p, ahead of figures later this month, while other leading shares showed losses of between 2p and 6p. **Imperial Group** was an exception, up 2½p on 87½p, reflecting Thursday's figures.

Pleasurama rose 28p to 371p on news of the £4.6m Maxims casino acquisition while suggestions that there would be no increase in VAT on package tours provided a 19p boost to **Horizon Travel** at 352p.

First Castle Electronic accompanied news of a £2.5m rights issue to finance expansion plans with a forecast of higher dividends in the current year and the shares closed unchanged at 90p. The terms are one for one at 30p.

Dowty staged a strong rally, up 7p at 122p after the previous day's weakness stemming from the disappointing figures.

Acquisitions this week supported HAT Group, up 3½p at 81p, and **Home Charm**, 3p better at 137p. **Erskine House** climbed 10p to 54p following a large put-through.

In stores **Owen Owen** were a feature with the shares rising 5p to 221p amid rumours of a bid once again, but little stock changed hands.

Leading food shares were busy, although not reflected in price movements. **Huntley & Palmer** was up 4p at 111p in continuing anticipation of either an improved offer from Rowntree or a new bid.

Future Holdings put on 3p to 76p after a 52 per cent profit increase but heavy losses sliced 6p from **Brooke Tool Engineering** at 23p.

Tunnel Holdings B shares put on 5p to 565p ahead of the terms to be offered by Rio Tinto Zinc following its acquisition of Thos Ward. But further consideration of its Laker-acquisition clipped 3p from **Greenall Whitley** at 112p.

Rumours of a rights issue knocked 5p from **Unitech** at 235p but company secretary Mr John Lethbridge said there was no truth in the suggestions.

Equity turnover of February 11 was £183.195m (17,678 bargains)

Gareth David

CURRENCIES

● The dollar was firm ahead of the weekly US money supply figures.

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
$1.8400 down 95 points
Index 91.6 unchanged
DM 4.3900
Fr.F 11.1125

Dollar
Index 112.7 up 0.7
DM 2.3847 up 185 pts

Gold
$378 75 down $6.06

MONEY MARKETS

● Treasury Bill rate rose from 13.57 to 13.78 per cent at the weekly tender. The Bank bought £501m of bills to relieve a £500m market shortage. Its dealing rates were unchanged.

Domestic rates:
Base rates 14%
3-month interbank 14 11/16-14 9/16

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 16 3/16-16 7/16
3 month DM 10 5/16-10 3/16
3 month Fr.F. 15⅝-15⅜

OTHER EXCHANGES

Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,270.04 up 13.47
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Average 7,690.29 down 70.82

COMMODITIES

● A nearby supply tightness bouyed Robusta coffees which were further helped by positive chart readings. March coffee rose by £38 to £1,388.50 a tonne, while the May position fetched £1,317, an increase of £49. These are the highest levels for 18 months. Trading was brisk later in the day when sterling weakened against the dollar, adding more upward pressure to prices.

● Copper was quiet and closed almost unchanged from Thursday despite Rudolf Wolff saying in its annual metal review that record price of £1,400 a tonne by the end of the year cannot be ruled out. Three months high grade copper closed at £895.50 a tonne.

Nickel fared better, however. Three months ended the day at £3,175 a tonne, the highest since last September. It had reached £3,200 during trading.

Co-op fears grow as merger fails

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

One of the biggest prospective mergers in the Co-op's history has been called off, scuttling a plan for a South East Co-operative Society, which would have become the second largest retailer in the movement.

Instead Woolwich-based Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society and South Suburban Co-operative Society, with headquarters in Croydon, will go their separate ways dogged by increasing financial problems.

There have been growing fears within the hard-pressed Co-op movement that unless these two societies merge for strength, either or both may eventually be driven to turn for help to the Manchester-based CRS. CRS, the biggest retailer in the movement. historically has been a rescue service for societies in difficulties.

Royal Arsenal's chief exceutive, Mr Granville Lewis, in a formal notice announced that the merger had been called off by South Suburban that after six months of talks. Royal Arsenal was disappointed and regretted the decision, it was stated.

The attempt to construct a South East society, taking in much of south London, Berkshire, Surrey, Sussex and Kent, had already suffered a blow earlier last year when the Invicta Co-operative Society, also operating south of the Thames, pulled out of tripartite merger discussions.

But there was pressure on Royal Arsenal and South Suburban still to join forces because of their escalating trading losses. South Suburban, with a turnover of more than £56m, had a trading loss before tax of £400,000 at the beginning of 1980 followed by an increased deficit of £1.8m at the beginning of 1981.

Royal Arsenal, already the third largest retailer in the Co-op movement with a turnover of more than £160m at the beginning of 1981 had a trading loss of £1.8m after a loss the previous year of £1.6m.

Both societies in recent years have resorted to relize assets such property to bring them into surplus. Returns by the Co-operative Wholesale Society; the main supplier to the retail societies, have already indicated that in the first half of last year the Co-Op's share of the packaged grocery market has declined. Both Royal Arsenal and South Suburban are likely to have been hit in common with most of the retail societies.

It was after three years of mounting losses that the former London Co-Operative Society threw in its lot with CRS at the beginning of last year.

A merger would have offered the chance of rationalization as well as providing greater financial muscle for developing more modern retailing outlets. It is believed that South Suburban pulled out of the talks because it seemed unlikely that the necessary majority voted needed among society members would have been forthcoming.

Whitehall expect fall in inflation as rises slow

By Melvyn Westlake

Price inflation in Britain has now peaked and should slowly decline in the coming months. The year-on-year increase in prices was 12 per cent in January for the third consecutive month.

Price increases have been boosted by the recent exceptional bad weather. Seasonal food rose by nearly 8 per cent in January and accounted for over a third of the 0.6 per cent increase in the retail price index last month.

There is now confidence in Whitehll that inflation is on a downward trend. If seasonal food is excluded, the rise in prices last month was the smallest for 17 months. Had it not been for the bad weather last month, inflation would have resumed the decline that was interrupted last summer by the fall in the value of the pound against other currencies on the international exchanges.

This pushed up import costs and sent a new wave of price increases rippling through the economy.

The effect of this has been to put the Government's counter-inflation policy back by about a year. The Treasury is now predicting that price increases will be averaging about 10 per cent by the end of this year. But the outcome this year could still be influenced by the measures introduced by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, in his Budget in three weeks.

Public-sector price increases also reflect the generally better picture. Nationalized industry prices are now increasing at an annual rate of 10.9 per cent, compared with 11.1 per cent a month ago. This means that public sector prices are now rising more slowly than prices in general, unlike the situation in the later months of 1981 when nationalized industry price increases were one of the main factors contributing to general inflation.

The Department of Employment reported yesterday that fresh vegetables, milk and meat showed some of the strongest price increases last month. Rises were also reported for newspapers, beer and cigarettes. These increases were partially offset by the withdrawal of some supplementary rate increases for householders and owners of commercial premises, as well as falls in the prices of petrol and many items of clothing.

There are a number of promising indications that the underlying downward trend in inflation will now be resumed. Wholesale prices are now rising more slowly, and the rate of increase in industry's raw material and fuel costs has also turned down. More importantly, wage settlements are now running at a much lower level.

Upsurge in dollar knocks sterling

By John Whitmore

The dollar closed the week strongly on foreign exchange markets as dealers took up positions ahead of the weekly money supply figures.

It was also boosted by speculation that the Federal Reserve might choose the long holiday weekend to announce a rise in discount rate if the money supply figures are bad.

In European trading, the dollar quickly rose to DM2.3885 yesterday morning before easing back to close at DM2.3847, a net gain of 1.85 pfennigs on the day and almost 4 pfennigs on the week.

The pound also suffered from the dollar's strength, dipping to $1.8330 at one stage. It closed a net 95 points down at $1.8400.

The loss of almost 2 cents on the week takes the pound back down to the levels ruling late last October. However, sterling's value against a basket of major currencies remains firm.

With Eurodollar interest rates back above the 16 per cent level United Kingdom money markets have become increasingly cautious this week.

Most period rates have risen by about ¼ per cent. At yesterday's weekly Treasury Bill tender the average rate of discount at which 91 day bills were allotted rose from 13.57 to 13.78 per cent.

The Bank of England, however, continues to help keep the level of interest rate reasonably steady through its dealing operations with the discount houses. Yesterday it gave £501m of assistance in response to a forecast liquidity shortage of £500m. Its dealing rates remained unchanged.

Concern over dollar interest rates saw government stocks and shares both drift lower. The FT 30-share index fell 1.7 to 570.5, making a fall on the week of 8.3.

The lion at MGM—Mr Kirk Kerkorian, the Las Vegas financier

Fade-out for the dream makers

By Ivor Davies, Hollywood, Feb 12

World industry is facing a hard time and Hollywood, despite its illusion of opulence and plenty, is suffering badly with the rest.

Despite the fact that traditionally during recessions and depressions, escapist entertainment is at a premium, somehow this time Hollywood seems to be in the same boat as Sir Freddie Laker, John De Lorean and the Detroit car industry.

At MGM studios, where they have been dream making longer than anyone else, the harsh light of reality is beginning to penetrate even into the dark corners of the sound stages. This week what appeared to be a simple announcement of a change at the top at MGM/United Artists, the conglomerate formed by the merger of the two film companies last May, was just the tip of the ice berg.

What is happening is that Mr Kirk Kerkorian, the Vegas financier, MGM's principal stockbroker with fifty four per cent of the company, has brought in Mr Frank Rothman, an entertainment Lawyer with one of America's most prestigious and powerful showbusiness law firms, — Whyman, Bautzer, Rothman Kuchel and Silbert — to ride herd on the creative heads of the studios.

Under the new structure both MGM chairman and chief executive officer Mr Frank Rosenfelt, 59, and his United Artists counterpart, Mr David Begelman 60, will answer to Mr Rothman.

MGM, like many another studios this past year, has had a near disasterous string of flops. Apart from Superman Two, Raiders of the Lost Ark, and Arthur, there have been few successes.

MGM in particular, under Begelman before he switched to United Artists in October, spent heavily on Rich and Famous, starring Candice Bergen and Jacqueline Bissett, all The Marbles, with Peter Falk, the Jack Lemmon Walter Matthau Comed Buddy Buddy and the $20m Herb Ross musical Pennies From Heaven, all of which failed to make music at the box office.

In addition, MGM spent $380m last July to purchase United Artists, which included a $250m cash payment, increasing MGM's bank debt to almost $600m. That debt rose again because of the big film production programme launched under the Begelman reign

A payment of $109m on the purchase of United Atrists is due on May 14 and romour has it that the studio, with huge cash flow problems, ham have trouble meeting it.

MGM is not alone in its predicament. The whole of Hollywood is in a state of flux. Box office revenues are down nearly 10 per cent and almost weekly multi-million dollar film companies are being taken over and bid for.

There was the much publicized Coca Cola offer to purchase Columbia Pictures for more than $750m. Last year the Denver tycoon Mr Marvin Davis paid a similar amount for Twentieth Century Fox Studios, this week Orion Pictures bought a controlling interest in Filmways for $26m cash, and in January a group of filmmakers, including producer Norman Lear and impresario Jerry Perenchio, purchased Auco Embassy Pictures for $25m.

A significant clue to the cash difficulties at MGM was visible recently when the studio appeared a mite too eager to claim the £15m insurance payoff for the movie Brainstorm which had shut down in November due to the death of its star Natalie Wood.

Lloyd's of London, however, insisted that the film be completed, so that even if it should make money eventually the company will not see any of it for some time.

New man Rothman, like Kerkorian who put him there, a low key operator, has taken pains to give all the appearance of a smooth transition aimed at unifying MGM when stockholders officially approve the merger in the next few months.

Rothman, who says he took the job to capitalize on the "revolution in movie software" will concentrate on mining the explosive market in video cassettes and cable TV.

He has also been careful to try to play down talk of the studio being in financial difficulties, declaring that lenders "are not giving us any trouble"

MGM is putting on a happy face about its newest products, although one of them, Cannery row, Based on John Steimbeck's novel, is already getting lukewarm reviews.

However, they did get off to a promising start this year with Alan Parker's Shoot The Moon, with Diane Kean and Albert finney, and there is optimism over the Julie Andrews musical Victor, and a new Stephen Spielberg picture, a horror film called Poltergiest.

The business of hollywood is creating fantasies so its not surprising perhaps that for a long time even the people in charge of the balance sheets have had difficulty facing reality.

The cold wind of change is blowing studios away left and right, and this year could be the end of the dream for MGM. If the company's Lion is to be returned to a full throated roar, the studio has to recapture the art of making films that people want to see.

LME acts to beat the tin squeeze

By Michael Prest

Officials of the London Metal Exchange have taken more steps to avert the squeeze in the tin market, which threatens to develop in the next fortnight. Dealers have been asked to give full details of their tin positions, and the LME committee has obtained assurances that physical tin will be made available.

Dealers said yesterday that they have been asked to prepare statements of their positions on the LME on February 17. The statements should be handed in two days later. Firms are also requested to give the size of their holdings of tin in warehouses or in transit on February 17.

Firms will not be asked to say when they acquired their holdings or give details of their sales and purchases of tin. Nevertheless, the information should enable the LME committee to identify any delivery problems. A similar survey last month revealed February 25 and 26 as dates on which speculators who went short last year could face difficulty in meeting their obligations

This is why, in an unusual statement yesterday, the LME committee said that it had obtained assurances that physical tin would be available to shorts. The committee also stressed that the £120 daily limit on the premium that could be charged for failure to meet delivery contracts would not interfere with price movements. Senior Malaysian politicians have criticized the LME for tampering with the market.

The problems which have forced the LME to take these steps stem from the presence in the market since last July of a heavy buyer or group of buyers, believed to be linked to tin producers.

Tin prices have risen to record heights and cash prices are higher than forward ones. Cash tin closed at £8,730 a tonne yesterday while three months metal was £7,855.

Shell loses £24m oil theft claim

By Drew Johnston

Shell International Petroleum yesterday lost its £24m insurance claim against Lloyd's underwriters over the theft of a cargo of oil carried by the scuttled supertanker Salem. The Appeal Court reversed a High Court ruling that Lloyd's should settle Shell's full claim.

Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, said the cargo was not "taken at sea", and was not therefore covered by Shell's marine insurance policy. He described the theft as part of a fraud whose perpetrators had never been caught.

The Salem, a 214,000-ton ship formerly known as the South Sun, was scuttled off Senegal, West Africa, in January 1980. The court held that the insurers, represented in the case by Mr Antony Gibbs, a Lloyd's name, were liable only for 15,840 tons still on board when the tanker was scuttled. The value of this residue is estimated at £2.5m and was covered by a clause insuring against loss by "perils of the sea".

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	14%
Barclays	14%
BCCI	14%
Consolidated Crds	14%
C. Hoare & Co	*14%
Lloyds Bank	14%
Midland Bank	14%
Nat Westminster	14%
TSB	14%
Williams & Glyn's	14%

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000 11¼%, £10,000 up to £50,000 12¼%, £50,000 and over 12¾%

Researcher to concentrate on technology

Sinclair signs computers deal with Timex

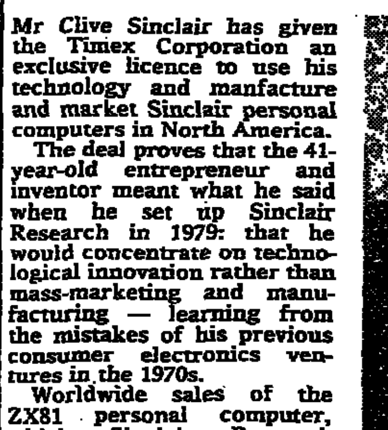
By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

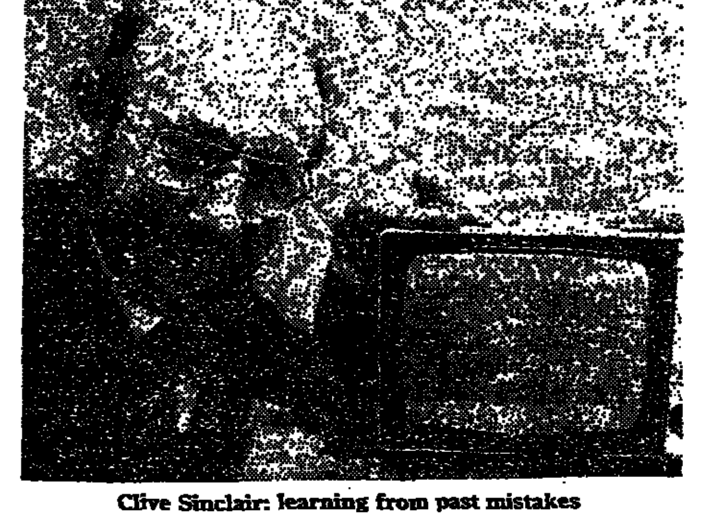
Mr Clive Sinclair has given the Timex Corporation an exclusive licence to use his technology and manfacture and market Sinclair personal computers in North America.

The deal proves that the 41-year-old entrepreneur and inventor meant what he said when he set up Sinclair Research in 1979: that he would concentrate on technological innovation rather than mass-marketing and manufacturing — learning from the mistakes of his previous consumer electronics ventures in the 1970s.

Worldwide sales of the ZX81 personal computer, which Sinclair Research launched last March, have just passed 300,000 making the £69 machine the best-selling computer in terms of volume. The company is already selling 15,000 units a month on the United States by mail order, Mr Sinclair said yesterday.

Timex's retailing strength in the United States — with 170,000 outlets and half of the American market for watches — should boost Sinclair sales severalfold. Under the licensing agreement all personal computers that Timex sells in North America will bear both the Sinclair and Timex names, and Sinclair will receive a five per cent royalty whether they are based on Sinclair technology of later developments by Timex.





Keith Waldegrave

Clive Sinclair: learning from past mistakes

Sinclair Research's own American subsidiary, based in Boston, will gradually give up mail order sales of the ZX81 this year, as the Timex operation gets under way, and will concentrate instead on launching the miniature flat-screen television which the company expects to have ready by the end of 1982. The television, which will sell for £50, is not covered by the new contract.

Mr Sinclair maintains that his television represents a genuine innovation — unlike the pocket TV which Sony announced last month. Yesterday he called the £130 Japanese product "a pathetic joke".

Timex already assembles the ZX81 at its Dundee factory, under a contract from Sinclair Research that is quite separate from the new licensing agreement.

Mr Sinclair said yesterday that his firm's turnover is running at £30m a year — against £4.65m in the first full financial year to March 31, 1981. In that year pre-tax profits were £1.12m — he refused to reveal current profitability except to say that it was very healthy.

Yet Sinclair Research directly employs only 35 people. About 500 jobs at Timex, Ferranti (which makes electronic chips for the ZX81) and other subcontractors depend on Sinclair.

Mr Sinclair intends the company, which is 95 per cent owned by himself, to remain lean and research-oriented "because we have very thin management skills and very thick technological skills". He is to set up a fourth research laboratory, in Winchester, to develop semiconductor technology. The third research centre, in Exeter, is working on a battery-powered electric car which Mr Sinclair hopes to unveil in the first quarter of 1984.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1981/82 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E Actual	P/E Fully Taxed
124	100	ABI Hldgs 10% CULS	124	+1	10.0	8.1	—	—
75	62	Airsprung Group	70	—	4.7	6.7	11.1	15.4
51	33	Armitage & Rhodes	44	—	4.3	9.8	3.7	8.3
205	187	Bardon Hill	204	—	9.7	4.8	9.9	12.1
104	77	Deborah Services	77	—	6.0	7.8	3.8	7.2
130	97	Frank Horsell	130	—	6.4	4.9	11.7	24.1
81	39	Frederick Parker	81	+1	1.7	2.1	35.2	—
78	46	George Blair	51	+1	—	—	—	—
102	93	IPC	96	—	7.3	7.6	6.9	10.4
105	100	Isis Conv Pref	105	—	15.7	15.0	—	—
113	94	Jackson Group	94	—	7.0	7.4	3.0	6.7
130	108	James Burrough	112	—	8.7	7.8	8.2	10.3
334	250	Robert Jenkins	254	—	31.3	12.3	3.5	9.0
59	51	Scruttons "A"	56	—	5.3	9.5	8.6	8.0
222	164	Torday & Carlisle	164	—	10.7	6.5	5.3	9.8
15	10	Twinlock Ord	13½	+½	—	—	—	—
80	66	Twinlock 15% ULS	77	+1	15.0	19.5	—	—
44	27	Unilock Holdings	27	—	3.0	11.1	4.8	8.2
103	75	Walter Alexander	73xd	-2	8.4	8.8	4.8	8.5
263	212	W. S. Yeates	224	+1	13.1	5.8	4.2	8.6

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Stock Exchange Prices

Quiet end to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin, Monday. Dealings End Feb 26. § Contango Day, Mar 1. Settlement Day, Mar 8.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

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Sterling: Spot and Forward

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Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was unchanged at 91.6

Money Market Rates

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Man from Hambro with a case for unit trusts

This week's news that Hambro Life has been given the nod by the Department of Trade to sell unit trusts will strike terror into the hearts, not to mention the pockets, of any householder who has ever had a pushy uninvited insurance salesman flexing his marketing muscles on the front doorstep.

The move has also divided the unit trust industry into two camps. Those like Save and Prosper, who will follow suit — perhaps because they cannot afford not to — And those who think it will be destructive to the image of an industry. They believe the industry has generally avoided the kind of bad publicity which has dogged the life insurance industry.

On the sales front the unit trust industry had been far more carefully regulated than its life insurance cousins. There can be no direct selling to investors.

The life insurance salesman, on the other hand is allowed to sell door-to-door — making the 'cold call' — a most inappropriate term as the hot shot salesmen usually arrive just as you get into a nice warm bath.

Says Tim Miller, a director of the Framlington group of unit trusts: "We have sweated for years under a tight set of rules and conventions. The insurance industry is relatively loosely regulated. I cannot see how any company will be able to police its sales force over unit trust sales."

The arrangements required by the Department of Trade are stringent. Only Hambro Life's top 800 salesmen will be able to sell units. The salesman must not initiate discussion about unit trusts. He must wait for the customer to ask.

There then has to be a follow up meeting requested by the customer and only on that second contact can a sale of units be made.

Hambro managing director Syd Lipworth says: "Our rules are stringent. Our controls are excellent. The investor will benefit from having a wider choice of products".

Others are more cynical. David Pope, managing director of Crescent Fund Managers says: "This drives a coach and horses through the unit trust rules. It opens the floodgates to all sorts of possible abuses. I am staggered that the Department of Trade thinks that a highly-motivated, highly-trained life insurance salesman will restrain himself from offering unit trusts to customers along with his other products at the same time."

Professor Jim Gower at the Department of Trade must be surprised as well since the DoT's move seems to directly contradict the recommendations of his recent report *Review of Investor Protection*.

Discussing this with members of the life insurance industry provided an interesting insight into the art of sales patter.

"Well Professor Gower recommended that unit trusts could be sold in the same way as insurance," claims one party. Well, that was not wrong, but it was not right either. What Professor Gower actually said was: "If door-to-door sales of life policies should continue to be allowed the practice should be restricted to straightforward life policies and not permitted in the case of bonds and certainly not to be extended to sales of other securities."

Professor Gower does not seem to be in favour of anything being sold directly to the public. Paul Bateman, marketing director of Save and Prosper says: "Our insurance salesmen are to be allowed to sell units as from next month. We have cleared out arrangements with the Department of Trade. It makes sense for our people to be able to sell both bonds and unit trusts.

Since the changes in the tax rules on unit trusts they have become more attractive than bonds in many cases. It's silly that a salesman can sell them a bond when really a unit trust would suit them better."

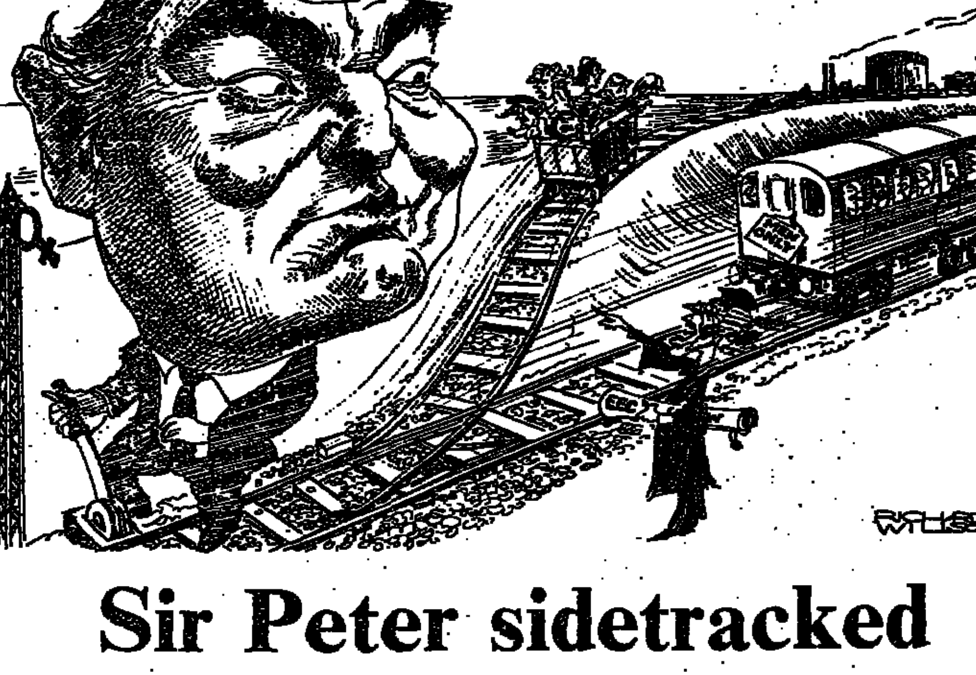
Admittedly the confused regulations about sales of investments are silly, but we must wait to see what form the changes, if they come in the wake of the Gower report, will take.

Many people were expecting them to be more stringent, not less. Paul Jennings of M&G says: "I think it is astonishing that the Department of Trade is letting this happen in the light of the Gower report. Personally I feel it is the wrong way to sell units".

It is indeed difficult to see the distinction between a cold call and door-to-door selling as against an unsolicited introduction and a follow up meeting.

Since so many of the life insurance groups jumping on the bandwagon believe that the rules as presently constituted are senseless it does not encourage much faith that they will be observed.

Margaret Drummond



Sir Peter sidetracked

Sir Peter Parker, British Rail chairman, now has another reason for feeling downhearted this week. If he called up Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, they could commiserate. The reason is that the European Court has just judged British Rail to have been guilty of sex discrimination — and in so doing, reversed a previous decision by Lord Denning, and, hopefully opened the door to equal treatment of the sexes in pension benefits.

Sir Peter should not, treat the decision as a defeat, but as an opportunity. The triumph of Mrs Eileen Garland, a BR accounts clerk, is a lesson to other parties engaged in a long-running dispute — a lesson that persistence pays.

Mrs Garland complained that when she retired, her perks would be less than for a male employee. After retirement, all British Rail workers, can travel at ¼ fare for ordinary journeys — and free for many of them, including all European trips. There was no quibble about that. But while the concession is extended to wives and dependent children of retired male employees, it is not given to husbands and dependent children of retired female employees.

Mrs Garland managed to persuade the Equal Opportunities Commission to back her case at an Industrial Tribunal — and lost. She appealed to the Employment Appeal Tribunal — and won. British Rail in turn appealed to the Court of Appeal and defeated Mrs Garland, who was refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Despite this seemingly final setback, she managed to persuade the Lords to hear the case, and they sent it to the European Court at Luxembourg for a preliminary ruling. Last Tuesday she heard that she had won. While the case has to go back to the Lords, there is little doubt that the conclusion of the case will be in her favour.

Much of the debate turned on whether the benefits were in connection with retirement. If they were, argued British Rail, the Sex Discrimination Act excluded matters relating to retirement, and it was not liable. The European Court decision confirms that European law indicates that benefits given after retirement, which relate to work before retirement, must not discriminate against women.

While there are not many perks like this which apply to other female employees, the decision is a landmark in discrimination law. In particular, it gives fresh hope to the family of Catherine Stockton, a doctor who worked in the Orkneys. When she died last December, aged 43, after a long and painful illness, it was revealed that the NHS superannuation Scheme which gives widows benefits to the survivors of male doctors, does not give equivalent widowers benefits to the families of female doctors. Mrs Garland's persistence gives the opportunity to Eric Stockton to claim that he is entitled to a widower's pension by right — and this latest decision means he has every chance of success.

The decision follows similar judgments in recents months against Lloyds Bank, Legal and General Assurance and the Prudential. It also gives new hope to both men and women who feel that unequal retirement ages discriminate against them, particularly where redundancy is involved. There is little doubt that Mrs Garland's persistence has begun a new era in the pursuit of women's rights in Britain.

Robin Ellison

MONEY TALK

Fund to monitor recovery stocks

Allied Hambro has launched a new United States fund to invest in smaller growth companies. The American Special Situations Fund will look for recovery stocks, emerging growth companies and technological enterprises in the United States market.

Despite the rather poor performance of the leading American stock market indices over the past few years smaller growth companies have done well. The Allied Hambro American Special Situations Fund is offered at 25p. Minimum investment is £250.

Expatriate help

To look after his investments, the average expatriate really needs a grasp of international markets, currencies, exchange controls (where they apply) and taxation, as well as the time to manage his portfolio of securities. London stockbrokers, Capel Cure Myers, aims to offer an impartial and constant portfolio management service and comprehensive tax advisory service for expatriates, to take the weight off his shoulders. The minimum portfolio CCM will accept is £5,000, which will be invested in specialist offshore funds. But you can start with an initial investment of £1,000 provided you are prepared to make further investments of £1,000 until the £5,000 is reached.

Recovery fund

Unit Trust managers, Perpetual, is launching its third fund, the Worldwide Recovery Fund, at the end of this month. Its Income and Growth funds have been among the top performers since they were launched and came 16 and 47 respectively out of more than 500 trusts in the performance table for 1981. The new fund will aim for maximum capital growth and will be invested in a range of worldwide companies which, for one reason of another, have been temporarily out of favour with investors. Perpetual says the companies will have to have exceptional recovery prospects but with this high risk/reward ratio, the performance could be volatile.

Policy launched

Norwich Union has launched a new "Declaration Linked" policy giving cover for loss of income suffered by businesses as a result of a disaster such as a fire. The first premium is based on estimated earnings for the financial year nearest to his first year's period of insurance.

A declaration of earnings is made six months from the end of the year to make sure the calculation is correct. If earnings turn out to be less than calculated, up to 50 per cent of the initial premium will be repaid — if they turn out to be more, an additional premium will be charged.

"Declaration Linked" can be taken out as a separate policy irrespective of where the businessman's other insurances are. As the premium and cover are fully adjustable, the risk of a reduced claim payment through underestimation of earnings is avoided.

Sound investment

Following the recent fall in interest rates. Crown Life has reduced the rate offered on its 5 year guaranteed income bond by ¾ per cent to 11 per cent. However, applications received before February 12, subject to a maximum of £2.5m being received, will be met at the old rate of 11.75 per cent. This is a single premium endowment policy with a guaranteed cash bonus payable each year and represents sound investment value in current market conditions.

Lure of the zero-coupon bond

The ink was barely dry on our last article about zero-coupon bonds (*The Times*, January 25) than learned readers were pointing out that these apparently attractive investments are fraught with tax problems. Further investigation indeed confirms that British private investors should be wary.

But first, the bonds themselves. A zero-coupon bond is simply one which carries no coupon. The borrower does not pay interest; instead the lender buys the bond at well below its par value. Discounts are currently about 75 per cent. The lender makes a profit on the difference between the purchase price and the redemption price paid by the borrower.

In times such as these when interest rates are very high — and there are widespread fears that they will go still higher — even prime borrowers may have to offer yields of 16 per cent or more to attract investors. The alternative of offering what looks like a capital gain rather than income from interest is therefore attractive to corporate treasurers.

A few zero-coupon issues were offered last year, but the market has boomed since early January. Borrowers, mainly American corporations and utilities, have issued paper with a nominal value of $5,000m, although the amount raised has been $1,400m. At present seven zero coupon issues are available: two from General Electric and one each from Caterpillar Tractor, Gaz de France, R. J. Reynolds, Baker International and Sears Roebuck.

American corporations have dominated the market because under United States tax law they can set a notional interest rate on zero coupon bonds against income. This improves cash flow, an important consideration at the moment because many American companies have borrowed heavily at high short-term rates.

Leaving the tax question aside for the moment, investors enjoy two prime benefits. First, the return on a zero coupon bond held to maturity is known from the minute it is bought. The only drawback is the company's ability to pay in 10 years' time. Investors are therefore safest with high quality borrowers, such as those offering zero coupon bonds at present.

Secondly, zero coupon bonds can do better than straight bonds carrying a coupon. Dupont 14½ per cent 1986, for example, yields 15.45 per cent if priced at 96, on the conventional assumption that each annual coupon is reinvested at 15.45 per cent. But if interest rates fall, so does the average annnual yield to maturity. In that case the 15.12 per cent offered by Dupont's recent zero coupon bond due in 1990 is more profitable.

But that, of course, depends on the tax treatment. So far many tax authorities around the world — perhaps a little surprised at the flood of issues — have simply said they will wait and see. The Inland Revenue says it has not issued a guidance notice to inspectors on zero coupon bonds and that it will study each case as and when it arises.

One widely-held interpretation, however, is that under the terms of the Taxes Act 1980 zero coupon issues will be treated as discounts, the gains on which are liable to income tax at a top rate of 75 per cent, including investment income surcharge.

The implication is that there is no advantage in selling such bonds before redemption.

At the same time, by a legislative quirk the Taxes Act 1980 does not cover losses on discounts, so opinion is that such losses can only be offset against capital gains, at a maximum offset rate of 30 per cent. Those believing that gains on deep discount bonds will be treated as capital gains in Britain appear to be in a minority.

Despite the uncertainty surrounding the tax position — and it is possible that tax legislation could change in different places over the longish life of a bond — the number of British investors likely to be affected is small, if only because Eurobond investment is a rich man's game.

Mike Prest

The Early Bird out to catch your interest

A novel account which pays investors *in advance* was launched this week by the Norwich Building Society. Its Early Bird Account calculates interest from the date of the initial deposit but the interest is paid 14 days after the opening of the account, instead of at the end of the halfyear.

Thereafter, half-yearly interest is made within a fortnight of January 31 and July 31. This ensures the interest is available much earlier to take advantage of sale bargains, holiday deposits and special discounts. It can, of course, be reinvested. The minimum sum is £500 and the maximum £20,000 (or £40,000 in a joint account). Accounts can be opened from the age of seven.

The Norwich pays interest on the Early Bird Account at its fully paid-up share rate fo 9.75 per cent, which is equal to 13.93 per cent per annum to basic rate taxpayers. Since the interest is paid in advance, the real rate of interest is 10.25 per cent per annum (which is 14.64 per cent per annum gross). If the interest is re-invested, naturally the return will be greater still.

This means that on, say, £1,000 invested on February 1, the account would pay a full six months interest of £48.75 within two weeks. The interest is paid by cheque, by direct credit to a bank account, or by transfer to another investment account with the society.

The rate will vary whenever there is a general change in the society's rates and an adjustment will then be made to the interest payment for the next half year. The only occasion when interest is not paid in advance is when the initial interest is under £20. It is then added to the interest for the first full half year period.

Whilst the Early Bird Account is not designed for frequent withdrawals, the society permits occasional ones "on demand". If a withdrawal coincides with the half-year end, it incurs no loss of interest. At other times, interest on the sum withdrawn will be reclaimed at a 10.25 per cent per annum levy.

Anticipating demand, the society has placed a limit on the issue. It is certainly likely to solve short-term cash flow as a £10,000 investment would pay almost £500 (actually £487.50) after only 14 days.

The Norwich Building Society has offices mostly in Norfolk but also in Blackpool, Lincoln and York. Its head office is St Andrew's House, Norwich NR2 4TR (tel. 0603 60081).

This new scheme works in favour of the consumer in clearly indicating the true rates of interest that are offered, but how many other investments are so clear? Whilst the Consumer Credit Act makes it a requirement to state the true rates when money is borrowed, is it not time that a similar statute covered investors in other financial media?

Conal Gregory

Tax information is free

Tax is a complicated subject which most people prefer to ignore. But it is also a problem which gets worse the longer you leave your affairs to ferment, and ignorance of tax law is no defence.

Most large firms of accountants produce booklets of varying degrees of readability, designed to help their clients with a basic understanding of tax problems.

Almost all firms will send you copies of their booklets, and very useful they are. Accountants Peat Marwick Mitchell for example produce an excellent range of booklets, all available free on request from any of the firm's offices.

A full list of publications is available on request and the booklets can be obtained by post from The Library, Professional Practice Department, Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co, 1 Puddle Dock Blackfriars, London EC4V 3PD.

Discrimination by health insurers is challenged

Jennifer Pinder is a self-employed dentist in her middle thirties. She is one of a growing number of self-supporting professional women working on equal terms with men who are questioning the insurance companies' practice of charging them more for permanent health cover.

A few weeks ago the mighty Prudential was forced by one woman customer to withdraw a permanent health policy after it was agreed in court that its policy of paying men higher benefits than women for the same premium infringed the Sex Discrimination Act. Unfortunately, the Prudential, along with the vast majority of insurance companies, still loads subscriptions against women by anything from a quarter to a half as much as they charge men.

Covered

Ms Pinder has a complicated two-tier permanent health policy. She is covered for up to £144 a week through the Dentists' Provident Society, which is a friendly society that covers the insurance needs of dentists exclusively.

The Dentist's Provident has a "top up" arrangement with the Friends' Provident for £90 a week. Under the DPS policy, she pays exactly the same for permanent health cover as a male colleague. But the Friends Provident charges women 50 per cent more than men. She asks why there is discrimination by one insurer and not another within the same package.

Mr Leslie Hubbard, secretary of the Dentists' Provident says: "We have always accepted female dentists on the same basis as men. In the early days there were few women in this field but the numbers are now growing quickly.

"Dental surgeons are highly motivated people who do not go off sick at the drop of a hat. We cannot of course, dictate to friends' Provident what it should do about premiums.

Ms Pinder has, over the years, complained to the insurance companies about the way they charge her more. She has received the stock response — women have worse health records, they take more time off work and are generally considered a poorer risk.

"They just quote a lot of actuarial statistics at me but looking around at the people I know in my profession, the women seem to take no more time off than the men", said Ms Pinder.

"In my practice there are both women and men. Two men dentists I know have been off work for prolonged periods because of accident or sickness but the women have not. Women generally have fewer heart attacks, road accidents and a lower incidence of alcoholism and other related illnesses. Pregnancy is excluded from these policies anyway."

The sort of questions asked by Ms Pinder and many other women make insurance companies take cover behind their well-worn — and sometimes outdated — morbidity tables. But the insurance companies will also admit there may be plenty of non-medical reasons why women take more time off work than men — caring for sick children for instance.

There is also a feeling that because many women do boring jobs there is less incentive for them to work through minor ailments. As Ms Pinder points out, these latter reasons do not affect the women in her profession.

"Dentists are reasonably well paid and have nannies to look after their children," she says. All the women dentists I know are enthusiastic about their jobs. There is no evidence to show that within the same profession, women are worse risks than men. But the insurance companies do not recognise this."

Insurance companies operate different rates for different types of employment. A steeplejack for instance, would expect to pay more than a white collar worker. Jennifer Pinder wants to take legal action against the insurance companies to force them to demonstrate that women in her profession are a worse risk than men and so justify their higher premiums.

"As a dentist, I am not discriminated against at work but the insurance is an irritant because I am single and self-employed, I have to be insured against illness or accident that would prevent me from working. I am paying £353 a year in permanent health policies, which have no tax relief. It is expensive and I see no reason why I should be paying more for it than my male colleagues."

Reduced rate

Save and Prosper has reduced the rate on its self-employed pension loan scheme for house buyers from 3 per cent above base rate to 2 per cent above base rate. The main advantage in a pension-linked policy is that contributions to the scheme attract top rate tax relief.

This reduction increases the attractiveness of the scheme particularly for higher rate taxpayers for whom the scheme not only repays the mortgage at the end of the term but also provides a tax free cash bonus and a pension for life — and all for just a little more than the cost of a conventional repayment mortgage.

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Banks
Current account — no interest paid. Deposit accounts — Barclays 12 per cent Midland, Lloyds, and Natwest 11½ per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. For sums of £10,000 or more rate fixed for the term. Fixed-term deposits — 1 month 14 per cent, 3 and 6 months, 13½ per cent Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

Money funds
Simco 7-day fund, 14.22 per cent; UDT Average Rate Deposit Fund, 15 per cent; Tyndall 7-day fund, 14.25 per cent; Simco dollar fund, 14.68 per cent; interest paid without deduction of tax. Further details from Simco (01-236 0233), Tyndall (0272-732241), UDT (scheme now closed to new investment).

National Savings Bank
Ordinary accounts — interest 5 per cent, first £70 of interest tax-free. Investment Account — *15 per cent, interest paid without deduction of tax, one month's notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £200,000. *Reducing to 14 per cent on 1st March.

National Savings index-linked certificates
Maximum investment £5,000, return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail prices index, 4 per cent bonus if held full five years to maturity. Cash value of £100 certificates purchased in March 1977, £184.17 including 4 per cent bonus.

National Savings certificates — 23rd issue
Return totally free of all taxes, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five year term of 10.5 per cent, maximum investment £5,000.

Building societies
Ordinary share accounts — 9.75 pc. Term shares — 1 to 5 years, between 0.5 pc and 2 pc over the BSA recommended ordinary share rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes — 1.25 pc over BSA recommended ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax, not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

Local authority yearling bonds
12-month fixed rate investments, interest 14⅝ pc basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbrocker or bank.

Local authority town hall bonds
Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers). Best offers: 1 year, Kingston Upon Hull 13¾ pc; 2 years, Kirklees 14⅝ pc; 3 years, Barnsley 14¾ pc; 4-5 years, Knowsley 14⅝ pc; 6-7 years Hereford and Worcester 15 pc; 8 years Knowsley 14⅞ pc; 9-10 years Reading 14⅝ pc.
Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance Loans Bureau (01-828 7855, after 3 pm). See also on Prestel no 24808.

Finance for Industry
Fixed-term, fixed-rate investments of between 3 and 10 years, interest paid half-yearly without deduction of tax: 3-4 years, 13¼ pc; 5-6 years, 13½ pc; 7 years, 13¾ pc; 8-9 years, 14 pc; 10 years, 14¼ pc. Further information from FFI 91 Waterloo Road, London SE1 (01-928 7822).

Finance house deposits (UDT)
Fixed-term, fixed-rate deposits, interest paid without deductions of tax. For sums of between £5,000 and £50,000: 6 months, 14 pc; 1 year, 14⅛ pc; 2 years, 14¼ pc.

Foreign currency deposits*
Interest paid without deduction of tax.

	1 day	7-days notice
US dollar	13⅝ p.c.	13½ p.c.
Yen (2 days)	2¾ p.c.	2⅞ p.c.
D. Mark	7 p.c.	7½ p.c.
French Franc	10⅝ p.c.	10½ p.c.
Swiss Franc	¼ p.c.	⅜ p.c.

*Rates quoted by Midland Bank — other banks may differ.

BUSINESS NEWS/COMPANIES AND MARKET REPORTS

ALEXANDERS

Profits collapse at Ford dealer

Alexanders Holdings, Scotland's largest Ford main dealer, yesterday reported a profits collapse after what the group described as the worst year's trading ever.

Pretax profits fell to £152,000 compared with £416,000 on sales which slumped nearly £3m to £35.7m. The final dividend for the year to September has been passed as it was in the previous year. The group's shares dipped ½p to 10p.

In the first-half of the year profits fell to £27,000 and without a £68,000 pretax credit from capitalizing interest on progress payments on a new building it would have shown a loss. But the second-half, traditionally showing the bulk of profits, saw no better trading conditions.

Alexanders continues with its policy of buying first-class sites and modernizing old ones. A recent valuation of its freehold and long leasehold properties shows an increase of £7m. Planning application has been made with a partner, for a modern office block at the Semple Street site in Glasgow.

Mr J. B. T. Loudon, chairman, says the group's problems in supplying vehicles to dealerships have been resolved and it now believes the future looks reasonably well.

After tax and an extraordinary item of £44,000, profits are £196,000 against £898,000. The group plans a capitalization issue on the basis of one new 10p share for every 10.

On a current cost basis the profit is £46,000 compared with £631,000. This is arrived at after net interest charges of £698,000 — against £719,000 and current cost earnings per share show a loss of 0.045p against 1.83p.

WAGON FINANCE

Marginal gains

The Wagon Finance Corporation, the banking and instalment credit group, blames the fall in profits in the year to December on recently opened stores.

Wagon, based in Sheffield, reports pretax profits down to £860,000 compared with £1.2m last time. This was made on turnover down by £1.2m at £15.2m. The final dividend, however, is unchanged at 2.4p gross making a total of 3.29p gross.

Mr Stephen de Bartolome, chairman, says the opening of further branches in the second half of the year effected profits by some £425,000. However, Wagon has achieved a marginal increase for the in the new business despite the decline at the first half. It has carried forward unearned finance charges at £10.55m and the gross instalment credit balances at £60.6m.

Arrears continued to increase because of short-time working and rising unemployment, he adds. This has led to a substantial increase in company's provisions for bad and doubtful debts. During the last weeks of the year, arrears levelled off but have been on the upward trend since the beginning of the year because of the weather.

Wagon expects that its profit levels will continue to be adversely effcted by its network expansion programme until 1983.

Year-end valuation of the group's land and buildings showed a surplus of £1.5m.



Mr Stephen de Bartolome: rise in arrears

BROOKE TOOL

Demand falls

Brooke Tool Engineering, the Nottingham-based manufacturer of machine-cutting and mining tools, plunged into the red with losses of £114,500 in the year to October 2, against a profit the previous year of £640,700.

Group turnover for the year slipped from £9.87m to £9.16m as a result of reduced demand both at home and in the United States, together with competitive pressures reducing trading margins. But the trading results include abnormally high development costs which have been charged to the profit and loss account.

An interim dividend for the year of 0.75 per share was paid but in view of the results there will be no final dividend, against total distributions the previous year of 3.5p per share.

Mr Sandy Saunders, the chairman, said that since the announcement at the last annual meeting of the need to realign manufacturing capacity pemanently because of changing long-term market requirements, a substantial provision was made to cover the closure of the Hayes factory in Leeds.

Two other factories, at Sheffield and Halifax, have been closed during the year with the loss of a further 75 jobs, and a number of other unprofitable operations have been terminated.

These are the major charges constituting extraordinary items of £892,000. They also include goodwill written off amounting to £220,000 arising mainly from the acquisition of Provincial Cities Trust.

Mr Saunders said he had not seen any worthwhile upturn in demand for the group's products, so life was still rough. There was a 30 per cent drop in home demand for machine tools but on the positive side the value of exports grew from £1.8m to £3m.

Three new products are due to be added to the company's range, with two coming on to the market this month. Of the existing products, demand has held up well for mining equipment depressed by the adverse market conditions which affected the first half.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Alexanders Hldgs (F)	35.7(38.08)	0.15(0.41)	0.57(2.93)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Brooke Tool (F)	9.16(9.87)	0.11a(0.64)	—(8.1)	—(0.25)	—	0.75(3.5)
Excalibur Jewellery (I)	2.35(2.33)	0.18a(0.16)	1.43a(0.4)	—(0.2)	—	—(0.3)
Plastic Cons (F)	9.05(10.89)	0.18(0.41)	4.13(5.51)	1.2(1.8)	2/4	2.1(2.66)
Second Alliance (I)	—(—)	1.5b(1.38b)	4.29(3.96)	2.2(2.2)	2/4	—(9.15)
Wagon Finance (F)	15.24(16.4)	0.86(1.26)	1.76(2.43)	1.6(1.6)	3/4	2.3(2.3)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. a=Loss. b=Gross income.

INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES

A sharply reduced first-half profit from **Broken Hill** was just within the lowest expectations of analysts in Sydney and Melbourne. Australia's biggest company suffered a 36 per cent drop in its interim earnings from $A136.7m to $A87.50m (£52.3m) mainly as a result of the recession in the world steel industry.

Analysts had expected profits of between $A85m and $A105m but most said they expected it to be at the lower end of this range.

The board made little comment on the result except to say that returns from the current half will be similarly depressed by the adverse market conditions which affected the first half.

This confirms analysts' expectations of a similarly flat second half from Australia's only raw steel maker.

Saint-Gobain expects its 1982 group sales to show a rise at around 16 per cent on its 1981 level, which it estimated at 51,000m francs. (£4,692m). Group operating profits should also rise significantly, from a provisional 1,350 francs in 1981, it added.

It said a large scale industrial investment programme totalling 5,500m francs has been decided for 1982, after a provisional 4,300m francs was spent in 1981. Some 1,500m of the 1982 programme will go to the C11-Honeywell Bull subsidiary.

BIDS AND DEALS

Pleasurama has made a contract to purchase for £4.6m cash from Mr A. W. Galadari the entire issued share capital of Lydiashourne, a private company registered in the United Kingdom. The board of Pleasurama believes that this is an excellent opportunity to acquire a London casino operation and represents a logical extension of its existing casino activities. The sale has arisen from objections by the gaming board to the renewal of Lydiashourne's gaming licence.

The contract is subject to the following conditions:

1 The approval of the Gaming Board for Great Britain.

2. Receipt by Pleasurama of a satisfactory accountants' report from their investigating accountants.

3. The approval of the shareholders.

Stong and Fisher (Holdings) have sold half of its investment of 210,000 shares (24 per cent) in G I Bowron and Co of Christchurch, N.W. for £461,000 cash net.

Sheffield Brick Group has purchased of some assets of Dennis Waring of Jermyn Street, which trades in architectural ironmongery in the UK and abroad. Total consideration was £90,500 in cash.

Merger cleared: Proposed acquisition by Morcain Foods of Pas is not to be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

CAPITAL MARKETS

The Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand has signed a contract with a Japanese syndicate to raise an 8.9 per cent 10,000m yen (£24m), 12-year Samurai bond at par through a private placement, the long-term credit bank of Japan said as lead manager. The syndicate has six co-managers, including Nomura Securities, Yamaichi Securities, Bank of Tokyo, Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, Sumitomo Trust and Banking and Mitsui Trust and Banking.

Hitachi Maxwell, the Japanese tapeand battery maker, will issue $30m worth of 15 year convertible bonds. The coupon is expected to be 4½ per cent, payable semi-annually. The bonds will be convertible from April 1, 1982 to March 21, 1997. The conversion premium and a constant rate of exchange between the dollar and te yen throughout the life of the bonds will be decided on or about February 19.

WALL STREET

New York, Feb 12. — Prices were fractionally higher in moderate trading early today.

The Dow. Jones Industrial Average was up by 0.09 of a point to 834.75 shortly after the market opened.

Advances outnumbered declines 312-274 among the 907 issues crossing the tape.

Early "big board" volume reached about 1.82 million shares.

Prices were higher in active trading of American Stock Exchange issues.

The government reported that producers' prices rose by a modest 0.4 per cent in January. Analysts had been expecting a higher figure.

	Feb 11	Feb 10		Feb 11	Feb 10		Feb 11	Feb 10
Allied Chem	40½	40	Fst Nat Boston	41½	40½	Proctor Gamble	82⅞	83¼
Allied Stores	26¾	26¾	Fst Penn Corp	2⅞	3	Pub Ser El & Gas	19¼	19
Allis Chalmers	13	13½	Ford	17⅞	17⅞	Raytheon	35⅞	35⅞
Alcoa	23	23	GAF Corp	9¾	9⅞	RCA Corp	20	19¼
Amax Inc	32	32¼	Gen Dynamics	24⅞	25⅞	Republic Steel	24⅞	23⅞
Amerada Hess	19¼	19¼	Gen Electric	59⅞	61¼	Reynolds Ind	44⅞	44½
Am Airlines	11⅛	11	Gen Foods	29⅞	29⅞	Reynolds Metal	19½	19½
Am Brands	38¼	37⅞	Gen Mills	33⅞	35¼	Rockwell Int	31⅞	31⅞
Am Broadcast	32¾	32¾	Gen Motors	36⅞	36⅞	Royal Dutch	31¼	31⅞
Am Can	29¼	29¼	Gen Pub Util NY	5	5⅛	Safeways	27	27
Am Cyanamid	28⅞	27⅞	Gen Tel Elec	29¼	29	St Regis Paper	27⅞	27⅞
Am Elec Power	16¼	16¼	Gen Tire	19¾	20½	Santa Fe Ind	16½	16⅞
Am Home	34¼	33⅞	Genesco	5½	5½	SCM	21⅞	21½
Am Motors	3⅛	2⅞	Georgia Pacific	18	17⅞	Schlumberger	47⅞	49
Am Nat Res	34¼	33⅞	Getty Oil	53	53¾	Scott Paper	17	16⅞
Am Standard	25¼	25¾	Gillette	32⅞	32½	Seagram	53⅞	53½
Am Telephone	58⅛	57⅞	Goodrich	20½	20	Sears Roebuck	16⅞	16⅞
AMF Inc	21⅛	21⅛	Goodyear	19½	19½	Shell Oil	36⅞	36½
Armco Steel	23⅞	23½	Gould Inc	23⅞	23⅞	Shell Trans	27	27⅞
Asarco	22¼	22½	Grace	41⅛	40⅞	Signal Co	23⅞	23⅞
Ashland Oil	27⅞	27¼	Gt Atlic & Pacific	4⅞	4⅞	Singer	14⅞	13½
Atlntic Richfield	39⅞	39½	Greyhound	15	15⅛	Sony	14⅞	15⅞
Avco	15⅞	15¼	Grumman Corp	24⅞	24½	Sth Cal Edison	28½	28⅞
Avon Products	26¼	26⅞	Gulf Oil	31⅛	30⅞	Southern Pacific	34⅞	34½
Bankers Tst NY	34⅞	34¼	Gulf & West	16½	16⅞	Southern Rly	90⅞	90⅞
Bank of America	18½	18½	Heinz H. J.	27⅞	27⅞	Sperry Corp	30⅞	31½
Bank of NY	41	40½	Hercules	19⅞	19⅞	Std Oil Califnia	31½	33⅞
Beatrice Foods	17½	17⅞	Honeywell	73⅞	72⅞	Std Oil Indiana	38⅞	38⅞
Bendix	51	51½	IC Inds	31⅞	31⅞	Std Oil Ohio	33⅞	33
Bethlehem Steel	20½	20½	Ingersoll	53⅞	53⅞	Sterling Drug	24⅞	23⅞
Boeing	19¾	19⅞	Inland Steel	20⅞	20⅞	Stevens J. P.	15⅞	16⅞
Boise Cascade	29⅞	29¼	IBM	61¼	62	Sun Comp	38⅞	37½
Borden	30⅞	30¼	Int Harvester	7⅞	7⅞	Teledyne	125⅞	126⅞
Borg Warner	23⅞	26½	INCO	13½	13⅞	Tenneco	28⅞	29⅞
Bristol Myers	52¾	53	Int Paper	34⅞	35⅞	Texaco	30⅞	30⅞
BP	21⅞	21⅞	Int Tel Tel	27	27⅛	Texas East Corp	44½	44⅞
Burlington Ind	20¼	20⅞	Irving Bank	44⅞	44⅞	Texas Inst	80	80
Burlington Nthn	48	48¾	Jewel Co	33½	33⅞	Texas Utilities	20	19⅞
Burroughs	33⅛	33⅞	Jim Walter	18⅞	18⅞	Textron	23	23½
Campbell Soup	30¼	32⅞	Johnson & John	36½	36⅞	TWA	18	17⅞
Canadian Pacific	29⅞	29¼	Kaiser Alumin	14⅞	14⅛	Travelers Corp	46⅞	46⅞
Caterpillar	49¾	49⅞	Kerr McGee	33½	33¼	TRW Inc	48⅞	48⅞
Celanese	54⅞	53¾	Kimberly Clark	60½	60½	UAL Inc	17⅞	16⅞
Central Soya	11½	11½	K Mart	16	16⅛	Union Carbide	44	42⅞
Chase Manhat	57⅞	57⅞	Kroger	26½	26⅞	Union Oil Calif	30⅞	31⅛
Chem Bank NY	53	51⅞	L.T.V. Corp	18⅞	16½	Un Pacific Corp	39½	40
Chrysler	4⅛	4⅛	Litton	53⅞	53⅞	Uniroyal	6⅞	6½
Citicorp	24⅞	25⅞	Lockheed	52⅞	52½	United Brands	10	9⅞
Cities Service	30⅞	31⅞	Lucky Stores	12⅞	12⅞	US Industries	8⅞	8⅞
Clark Equip	24½	24¾	Manuf Hanover	32	32⅞	US Steel	23⅞	22⅞
Coca Cola	32¾	32¾	Manville Cp	16	16	Utd Technol	35⅞	35⅞
Colgate	17⅞	17⅞	Mapco	32⅞	31⅞	Wachovia	24⅞	24½
CBS	44⅞	44⅞	Marathon Oil	73⅞	73⅞	Warner Lambert	22⅞	22
Columbia Gas	29¼	29⅞	Marine Midland	24½	24⅛	Wells Fargo	25⅞	25⅞
Combustion Eng	31⅞	31	Martin Marietta	29⅞	29⅞	Westinghse Elec	24⅞	24⅞
Comwlth Edison	20¼	20¼	McDonnell	29⅞	30⅞	Weyerhaeuser	35⅞	35
Cons Edison	32⅞	32¼	Mead	20⅞	20⅞	Whirlpool	24⅞	34
Cons Foods	32⅞	32⅞	Merck	83⅞	83⅞	Woolworth	16⅞	16⅞
Cons Power	16⅞	16⅞	Minnesota Mng	55	55⅞	Xerox Corp	38⅞	38⅞
Continental Grp	28½	28¾	Mobil Oil	22⅞	22⅞	Zenith	13½	13⅞
Control Data	32⅞	33⅞	Monsanto	68⅞	68⅞			
Corning Glass	45	44⅞	Morgan J. P.	53½	53⅞			
CPC Intnl	37	37⅞	Motorola	53	53⅞			
Crane	30⅛	30½	NCR Corp	43⅞	43⅞			
Crocker Int	28⅞	28⅞	NL Industries	29⅞	29⅞			
Crown Zeller	25	25½	Nabisco	33⅞	33⅞	**Canadian Prices**		
Dart & Kraft	48¼	50	Nat Distillers	22⅞	22⅞			
Deere	33⅞	33⅞	Nat Med Ent	15⅞	15⅞	Abitibi	31	30
Delta Air	27½	27	Nat Steel	22½	22⅞	Alcan Alumin	23⅞	23⅞
Detroit Edison	11⅞	11⅞	Norfolk West	45⅞	45⅞	Algoma Steel	37⅞	37½
Disney	49	49½	NW Bancorp	22⅞	23⅞	Bell Telephone	17⅞	17⅞
Dow Chemical	22	22⅞	Norton Simon	15⅞	15⅞	Cominco	48⅞	48⅞
Dresser Ind	21¼	25¼	Occidental Pet	22	21⅞	Cons Bathurst	16	16⅞
Duke Power	21⅞	21⅞	Ogden	25½	25⅞	Gulf Oil	14⅞	14
Du Pont	37⅞	35⅞	Olin Corp	20	20	Hawker/Sid Can	11⅞	11½
Eastern Air	5⅛	5	Owens-Illinois	28⅞	27⅞	Hudson Bay Min	18	18⅞
Eastman Kodak	70½	70⅞	Pacific Gas Elec	21⅞	21⅞	Hudson Bay Oil	47⅞	48⅞
Eaton Corp	29	29¼	Pan Am	2⅞	2⅞	Imasco	41	40⅞
El Paso Nat Gas	27	27⅞	Penney J. C.	29⅞	29⅞	Imperial Oil	21⅞	21½
Equitable Life	9⅛	9⅛	Pennzoil	45	40½	Int Pipe	13⅞	14⅞
Esmark	44½	44½	Pepsico	35⅞	35⅞	Mass.-Fergsn	2⅞	2⅞
Evans P. D.	14½	14⅞	Pfizer	55⅞	55⅞	Royal Trust	14⅞	14⅞
Exxon Corp	28⅞	29¼	Phelps Dodge	29	29	Seagram	65⅞	64⅞
Fed Dept Stores	37⅞	37⅞	Philip Morris	46⅞	47	Steel Co	26⅞	26⅞
Firestone	10⅞	10½	Phillips Petrol	37⅞	34⅞	Thomson N 'A'	22⅞	22⅞
Fst Chicago	18¼	18¼	Polaroid	19⅞	20	Walker Hiram	14⅞	14⅞
Fst Intrst Bncp	30⅞	31⅞	PPG Ind	31⅞	32⅞	WCT	12	12

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

WEEKLY LIST OF FIXED-INTEREST STOCKS

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COMMODITIES

COPPER: Higher grade was steadier at the close yesterday. Afternoon. — Higher grade cash, £867.50-68.50: three months £895-96.00. Sales: 9,100 tonnes. Cash standard cathodes, £864-66.00, three months, £892-92.50. Sales nil tonnes. Morning — Higher grade cash, £866-866.50. Sales 4,875 tonnes. Cash standard cathodes, £865-865.50, three months, £892-892.50. Settlement, £865.50. Sales: 1,100 tonnes.

TIN In standard tin, cash was weak, three months, barely steady. Afternoon — Standard cash, £8730-40 a tonne, three months £7850-60. Sales, 725 tonnes. High grade cash £8720-40, three months £7870-90. Sales, nil tonnes. Morning. — Standard cash £8850-8870, three months £7875-7880. Settlement £8870. Sales, 850 tonnes. High grade, cash £8850-8870: three months £7900-7920. Settlement, £8870. Sales, nil tonnes. Singapore tin ex-works, SM 33.90 a picul.

LEAD was easier — Afternoon. Cash £329-29.50 per tonne; three months £350-39.50. Sales 2,275 tonnes. Morning -Cash £330.50-331.50, three months £342.50-343. Settlement £331.50. Sales, 3,200 tonnes.

ZINC was easier. Afternoon -Cash £451.50-52.50 per tonne: three months £457.50-58.00. Sales 5,350 tonnes. Morning -Cash £456-457.00: three months £462-462.50. Settlement, £457.00. Sales, 6,350 tonnes.

PLATINUM was at £199.70 ($367.00) a troy ounce.

SILVER was quiet. — Bullion market (fixing levels) — Spot, 463.95p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 851.80): three months, 478.95p (883.00c): six months, 493.95p (914.50c), one year, 527.00p (980.50c). London Metal Exchange — Afternoon — Cash, 468-69p: three months, 483-84.0p. Sales, 15 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning — Cash, 465-466p: three months, 479.5-480.5p. Settlement, 466.0p. Sales 25 lots.

ALUMINIUM was easier. — Afternoon — Cash, £588-90.00 per tonne: three months, £608-10.00. Sales, 6,475 tonnes. Morning. — Cash, £593-593.50: three months, £612-612.50. Settlement, £593.50. Sales, 3,175 tonnes.

NICKEL was steadier at the close — Afternoon. — Cash, £3,125-30 per tonne, three months, £3,170-80. Morning. — Cash, £3,130-3,135: three months, £3,167-3,168. Settlement, £3,135. Sales, 360 tonnes.

RUBBER (pence per kilo) — March, 47.60-48.30: April, 48.60-49.00: April/June, 49.60-49.80: July/Sept, 53.00-53.10. Oct/Dec, 40.30-56.40: Jan/March, 59.60-59.70. April/June, 63.40-62.70: July/Sept, 65.60-65.80. Oct/Dec, 68.60-68.80. Sales: Four at five tonnes and 167 at 15 tonnes (including eight kerb trades and one kerb option).

COFFEE.— ROBUSTAS (£ per tonne): Mch 1388-1389: May 1316-1318: Jly 1252-1254: Sep 1218-1220: Nov 1202-1210: Jan 1190-1210: Mch 1180-1205. [illegible]

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Cricket

Conditions force England to name five bowlers for one-day game

From Richard Streeton
Colombo, Feb 12

England have included five bowlers in their team for the first one-day international with Sri Lanka here tomorrow. Gooch will also be available to bowl and it is the first time on the present tour that England have risked only six batsmen in a limited-overs game.

"We felt we had to have the extra bowler because of the heat", Keith Fletcher, the captain, said. England are particularly conscious of the high Sri Lankan temperatures and humidity because they are having to acclimatize to such conditions all over again. Their last 12 days in India were spent in the cool and wet of the northern part of the country.

In a dig at those who planned the tour's itinerary, Fletcher said: "It might have been different if we had come on to Sri Lanka after playing in Madras and not had to go north again."

England have chosen Richards to keep wicket ahead of Taylor in an effort to shorten their tail. Tavaré, Emburey and Lever are the others omitted from the party. England's side for the second international on Sunday will not be named until tomorrow evening. Fletcher said: "We must see what happens. It is hard playing two internationals on successive days."

Both games are 45 overs-a-side and there are several important differences in the playing conditions compared with the Indian fixtures. There are both lunch and tea intervals, fielding circles are not being used, and the result in an uncompleted (for any reason) game will be settled on the overall scoring rates.

There is also no onside limitation of five fieldsmen, which pleases Fletcher, who said: "It is not encouraging to spin bowlers always to have to have four men on the off."

The main attraction in the weekend's matches will be the comparison between England's attack, which is based on pace, and Sri Lanka's, which includes three spin bowlers. There is some grass on the pitches at the Singalese sports club ground where both games are taking place, though whether it will be removed before the start remains to be seen.

One of the few teams anyone can recall playing three spinners in one-day cricket has been Fletcher's own county, Essex, with Hobbs, Ray East and Acfield sometimes all included in the past. Fletcher says this only happened before one-day tactics developed along their present lines and that Hobbs was usually played for his fielding and hitting.

One of Sri Lanka's most notable successes in one-day cricket came in the 1979 World Cup, when they beat India by 47 runs at Old Trafford. D. S. de Silva, their leg-spinner and googly bowler, who plays this weekend, took three for 29 in 11 overs.

Anything can happen in one-day matches, but both this weekend and in the five-day Test match that follows I expect Sri Lanka's batting to prove stronger than their bowling.

There is understandably a mounting air of excitement in Colombo about the forthcoming matches. The one-day games, in which Sri Lanka have their best chance of success, will be watched by capacity 20,000 crowds, although the Test match tickets are moving more slowly. People here are perhaps unable to find either the time or the money to attend a five-day game. Whatever the reasons, though, it continues a worldwide trend in representative cricket.

Richards: chosen in order to shorten England's tail.

SRI LANKA: B Warnapura (captain), S Wettimuny, R L Dias, L R D Mendis, R S Madugalle, R Jayasekera, A N Ranasinghe, D S de Silva, L W Kaluperuma, A L F de Mel, G R A de Silva.

ENGLAND: G A Gooch, G Cook, D I Gower, I T Botham, K W R Fletcher (captain), M W Gatting, C J Richards, G R Dilley, D L Underwood, P J W Allott, R G D Willis.

Umpires: E C B Anthony and H C Felsinger.

Partnership sets State record

Sydney, Feb 12.—Western Australia, the champions, have shrugged off the absence of seven key players on tour in New Zealand and dominated the leaders, New South Wales, in their four-day Sheffield Shield match. The champions, inspired by a State record fourth-wicket partnership of 260 between Geoff Marsh and Craig Serjeant, made 439.

SYDNEY: Western Australia, 439 (G Marsh 176, C S Serjeant 106; R Holland 4 for 124); New South Wales, 29 for no wkt.

GEELONG: Queensland, 273 for 9 (R Phillips 103 not out; M Hughes 4 for 66); v Victoria.

LAUNCESTON: Tasmania, 398 (B T Davison 86, S Reid 65 not out, R Woolley 53; P Sleep 4 for 60); South Australia, 4 for no wkt.—Reuter.

Chappell due to find form

Auckland, Feb 12.—The New Zealand captain, Geoff Howarth, fears his team may suffer a reaction from the recent poor form of Australia's captain Greg Chappell, in the touring side's opening match here tomorrow. New Zealand face Australia in the first of three one-day internationals and Howarth believes the touring team's master batsman could now strike form and become the key to success.

Chappell ended the Australian season at the centre of controversy over a sequence of low scores in international matches and over his future as captain. Howarth added that the predictably hostile nature of the crowd and the determination of Chappell to return to form and open the tour on a winning note could act as a spur to Australia.

The Australians, whose 11-match tour also includes three Tests, have the advantage of being match-fit, whereas New Zealand have not played since India were here last March.

NEW ZEALAND (from): G Howarth (capt), B Edgar, J Wright, J Coney, J Reid, M Crowe, I Smith, R Hadlee, M Snedden, G Troup, L Cairns, B Chatfield.

AUSTRALIA (from): G Chappell (capt), B Laird, G Wood, J Dyson, K Hughes, A Border, R Marsh, B Yardley, D Lillee, J Thomson, L Pascoe, T Alderman.—Reuter.

Motor racing

Date for drivers' appeals

Johannesburg, Feb 12.—Appeals by 27 racing drivers whose licences were suspended after the South African Grand Prix last month will be heard on February 20. Colin van Zyl, manager of the National Automobile Associations, said the suspensions imposed by the South African stewards were separate from the fines against the drivers imposed by the International Motor Racing Agency, Fisa.

Both the national and international bodies took action against the drivers immediately after the race, won by the Frenchman Alain Prost, because they had boycotted practice sessions in a dispute over new "super licences". The drivers said the new international licenses restricted their freedom to manage

Tennis

Bristol event confirmed

The Lawn Tennis Association confirmed yesterday that agreement had been reached with Imperial Tobacco Ltd., for the continued sponsorship of the Lambert and Butler Championships this summer. The championships, a men's Grand Prix event worth £55,000 in prize money, will be staged at Redland Green, Bristol, from June

Confirming the tournament had been in doubt, Peter Dyke, head of Imperial's sponsored events, said: "With the excellent support we had last year, we are delighted to be able to continue. We felt we had a moral obligation to do so."

Prize money has been increased from last year's 40,000 and in addition there will be a further £12,500 for an eight-man invitation event for players over the age of 35.

MEMPHIS (US unless stated): J Kriek (SA) beat D Carter (Australia), 7—6, 6—0; V Gerulaitis beat J Alexander (Australia), 6—3, 6—4; J McEnroe beat I Moor, 6—3, 6—2; E Teltscher beat C Hooper, 7—6, 6—4; K Curren (SA) beat H Pfister, 7—6, 6—1; R Tanner beat T Waltke, 6—3, 7—5; C Mottram (GB) beat T Taygan, ser; G Mayer beat B Manson, 6—2, 6—4. [illegible]

Rugby League

Blackpool can but dream of Wembley

By Keith Macklin

No hope is too forlorn as the trail begins on the way to Wembley, not even for Blackpool Borough. The second division club, who are listed in the Challenge Cup odds at 10,000-1, travel to Workington tomorrow with the record of having been knocked out in the first round for the past 16 seasons. Their task tomorrow, against one of the leading second division sides, is sufficiently hard for pessimists to fear the worst for the Seasiders.

Nevertheless, all clubs approach the first round with optimism and expectation. For the likes of the Hull clubs, Leigh and Widnes the lure is the final at Wembley and a financial bonanza. For the clubs in the lower reaches of the first division and all those in the second division, the primary hope is for a money spinning draw and the opportunity to stave off bankruptcy.

One side unlikely to suffer financial hardship, with or without a good cup run, are Hull who are favourites at 7-2. Although they lack the services of their star forward, Skerrett, and have their pack leader, Norton, struggling against injury, they should account for Salford at home.

Widnes can do Cardiff City a good turn at the gate at Ninian Park, though they are unlikely to extend any favours on the playing pitch. Although Widnes will be without Burke, George, Cunningham and possibly Gorley, they will undoubtedly carry too much firepower for the new Welsh club, who will look to compensation from a big attendance against the cup-holders.

Leigh have one of the many attractive local derbies, with the visit of Warrington. Both sides are at full strength and although Leigh's brilliant current form makes them likely winners, not merely of this tie but of the cup, Warrington are a tough and experienced outfit, capable of springing a surprise if Hesford is on goal-kicking form.

Carlisle, newcomers and leaders of the second division, also have a fixture to bring in the crowds. Brunton Park welcomes Castleford, holders of the Yorkshire Cup, an entertaining open side who may persuade their international centre, Joyner, to return to the fold.

Fulham, badly needing a morale-restoring win, have Hunslet from the second division at Craven Cottage and must not be over-confident against a sturdy-looking Yorkshire team. Both Fulham hookers, Dalgreen and Dougherty, have asked to be put on the transfer list because of travelling problems, but will continue to play for the side.

This afternoon's game, with a 2.15 kick-off to accommodate television, is another keen local derby between St Helens and Wigan, with David Stephenson, bought for £60,000 from Salford, making his first appearance for Wigan. St Helens, still handicapped by a large number of injuries, expect Chisnall, Pinner and Liptrot to return.

Badminton

SITTARD (Netherlands): International match: Netherlands 3, Scotland 4 (Dutch names first): L Coene lost to C Gallagher 17—18, 15—11, 2—15; R Ridder lost to D Travers, 9—15, 15—7, 13—15; J van Beusekom beat P Hamilton, 11—6, 11—5; U Santosa and R Ridder lost to W Gilliland and Travers, 15—18, 15—9, 6—15; I Kristanto and F van Dongen beat A Baker and Gallagher, 15—7, 7—15, 15—9; van Beusekom and M Ridder lost to Hamilton and A Fulton, 15—?, 6—15, 8—15; Marian and R Ridder beat L Gardner and Gilliland, 15—6, 15—6.

Weekend fixtures

FA Cup fifth round

Chelsea v Liverpool
Coventry v Oxford United
Crystal Palace v Orient
Leicester v Watford
QP Rangers v Grimsby
Shrewsbury v Ipswich
Tottenham v Aston Villa
West Bromwich v Norwich

First division

Arsenal v Notts County
Everton v Stoke
Man City v Brighton
Middlesbrough v Swansea
Southampton v Nttm Forest
West Ham v Birmingham
Wolves v Man United

Second division

Derby v Charlton
Newcastle v Cardiff
Rotherham v Cambridge
Wrexham v Sheffield W

Third division

Bristol R v Preston
Carlisle v Brentford
Doncaster v Chester
Gillingham v Wimbledon
Huddersfield v Reading
Newport v Lincoln (3.15)
Plymouth v Southend
Portsmouth v Chesterfield
Swindon v Burnley
Walsall v Bristol City

Fourth division

Blackpool v Mansfield
Bournemouth v Stockport
Bury v Halifax (3.15)
Hartlepool v Hereford
Peterborough v Darlington
Port Vale v Crewe
Sheffield U v York
Torquay v Wigan (7.30)
Tranmere v Hull City (3.15)

Scottish Cup fourth round

Aberdeen v Celtic
Clydebank v St Mirren
Dundee U v Hibernian
Hearts v Forfar
Kilmarnock v St Johnstone
Queens Park v Alloa
Rangers v Dumbarton

Scottish premier division

Airdrie v Morton

Scottish first division

Falkirk v Dunfermline
Hamilton v Motherwell
Queen of South v E Stirling

Scottish second division

Arbroath v East Fife
Clyde v Berwick
Cowdenbeath v Brechin
Montrose v Stranraer

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Rugby Union

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Rugby League

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Lacrosse

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Ice hockey

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Athletics

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Cross country

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Basketball

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Volleyball

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Squash rackets

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Hockey

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Tomorrow

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Football: the gates open for Chelsea both at home and away

Paisley sticks to the same pattern

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

The clubs go two by two into the fifth-round fray of the FA Cup today. Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool are assured of appearing at Wembley in the League Cup Final; Leicester City and Chelsea await fitness tests on players who need "miracles" to pass them; and Ipswich Town and West Bromwich Albion are stretched to the limit by injuries.

Remarkably, four of the last 16 survivors are in the hands of caretaker managers—Aston Villa, Crystal Palace, Oxford United and Grimsby Town.

To complete the pairings, half of the eight ties are staged in London, the other half in the Midlands. It is doubtful if matters will be so neatly split at the end of the day. League positions count for nought in the Cup, underdogs tend to rip the form-book to shreds and those who have nothing to lose often win.

No team in the country, though, can expect to beat Liverpool, the competition's favourites, at present. Unbeaten this year, they had conceded only two goals until their defence relaxed in the League Cup win over Ipswich in midweek. Bob Paisley needs only to change the date at the top of his team sheet for the seventh successive time.

Liverpool are not unaccustomed to performing in front of 35,000 spectators which Chelsea hope to welcome—their biggest crowd for three years—at Stamford Bridge. The gates will be open at 12.30 and all are warned to go there early. The receipts are certain to break the club record and may even double the previous highest figure of £70,000. The last visitors to attract a crowd of 40,000—in a League match in March, 1979—were Liverpool.

The previous season Chelsea, newcomers to the first division, knocked Liverpool out in the third round of the Cup with a 4—2 win at home, only to fall in the fifth round to Orient. Now they themselves have embarked on a successful run, losing only once in their last 14 games, but Bumstead, an important cog in their wheel, is their man in need of a miraculous cure.

Hazard, Ricardo Villa's replacement and Tottenham's hero in their League Cup win over West Bromwich, is doubtful for the home tie against Aston Villa. Villa (the player) is still out but Roberts and Archibald are ready to come in should Hazard not be risked. Tottenham, tightening their grip on three cups, are undefeated in their last 22 cup matches.

Villa (the team) are managed for the second time by Tony Barton after the sudden departure of Ron Saunders. He brings Morley back into the squad of 13 and Blair is likely to be omitted from the side that held Southampton, the League leaders, on Wednesday. Shaw begins his comeback in the reserves but it may be too late.

Roy Barry, another temporary manager, returns with his charges, Oxford, to his former club, Coventry City, for whom he made 83 appearances. Oxford, the only remnants of the third division, make two changes and will be weakened by the absence of Shotton and Jones. Coventry also make two alterations but they will be strengthened, as if they needed to be, by the presence of Francis, who signed for £150,000 yesterday, and Dyson.

Ipswich seem to be able to do nothing but make changes. Already without Butcher and Thijssen, Brazil's chances of recovering from injury are as remote as Osman's and Mariner has been ordered to rest for a fortnight. Even then he may need an operation which would kill his hopes of playing in Spain. D'Avray flew back from a youth tournament in Italy straight into the attack against an unchanged Shrewsbury Town.

West Bromwich, too, have a lengthy injury list that now includes Batson, Whitehead, Jol, Monaghan and Brown. Lewis, a stocky 16-year-old, may be drafted in for his first taste of the Cup against Norwich City, for whom Jack is fit enough to attempt to maintain his record of scoring in every round.

O'Neill, Leicester City's Northern Ireland international, decided on the eve of their meeting with Watford to hand in a transfer request. "I want to move to a first division club before the World Cup campaign begins", he said yesterday. He will play today but, in spite of acupuncture treatment, Kelly may not.

Watford, who will take 8,000 supporters with them, are the giantkillers of the tournament so far, having cut down Manchester United and West Ham United. They may still be among the last eight when the ark casts off towards the deeper waters of the quarter-finals.



Will Chelsea bring a smile to manager Neal's face?

FA lift away games ban on Chelsea supporters

One of the season's more intriguing fixtures, Chelsea v the Football Association in the Chancery Division of the High Court, was called off yesterday when the FA lifted their ban on the second division club's supporters attending away matches. Chelsea have agreed to implement "certain new measures" aimed at controlling supporters at away games.

Chelsea's vice-chairman, David Mears, said yesterday: "Obviously we do not wish to reveal the ideas we have agreed with the FA and the police—that could be self-defeating—but we will have closer liaison with the clubs we are due to visit."

The FA statement announcing the lifting of the ban and the ending of the "all-ticket" ruling for Chelsea away games, said the decision had been taken after talks between both parties and bearing in mind "the difficulty in applying the sanction and the inconvenience caused to the home teams".

The ban finally proved unworkable last Saturday, when 3,000 Chelsea supporters travelled to Watford without match tickets and the local police asked the club to admit them to prevent possible trouble in the town.

The Watford chief executive, Eddie Plumley, said: "We were the guinea pigs for the ban because we were the closest team to London. After the match I sent my report to the FA. I said the ban was both unworkable and expensive for clubs that tried to enforce it."

Derby, who have felt the biggest impact of Chelsea's hooligan element, insist they will continue to operate their own ban on the London club's fans.

Chelsea's first chance to take advantage of the lifting of the ban comes today

Rugby Union

A chance for Mills to push England claims

By David Hands

England's selectors, who have recorded only a couple of idle Saturdays this season, despite the bad weather, have a comparatively rare opportunity to assess current club form today while the international championship is in mid-stride.

Unfortunately cup commitments, both English and Welsh, have deprived them of two of the best games on the calendar: Cardiff had to withdraw from their game with Bristol because of the rescheduling of the Welsh Cup and Rosslyn Park and Sale agreed not to meet because they face each other in the John Player Cup in a fortnight.

Nevertheless it is fair to assume that Sale's game against Middlesborough may be on their agenda, as will Gloucester's game at Bath, because the position of replacement hooker in Egland's squad for the match against France has been left vacant and Andy Simpson (Sale) knows that Steve Mills (Gloucester) is pushing him hard for the job of deputy to Peter Wheeler.

Mills will lead a side at the Recreation Ground including one new comer, the left wing, Price, who joined Gloucester from Old Cryptians this season. He has scored six tries in as many games for Gloucester United and gets his senior chance because Pritchard is unavailable. The England B No. 8, Teague, strained back muscles in training this week so Orwin drops back to cover, which leaves a second-row place for Fidler, whose senior games this season have been exceptionally limited.

Bath originally omitted their leading points-scorer, Ralston, for this game. Ralston, who has played centre in his club's last two matches with Martin at full back, has had little luck with his place-kicking recently but he stays at centre because Halliday is required by Oxford University against Dublin University at Iffley Road.

The England coach, Mike Davis, will be at Rodney Parade to watch England's stand-off, Cusworth, in action for Leicester against Newport. He will, however, be unable to watch England's reconstructed midfield trio in action because Dodge is still resting the hamstring injury which prevented him from playing for England against Ireland. Dodge has been training this week but will rest the injury over the weekend in the hope of proving his fitness at England's squad training at Stourbridge on Monday.

The experienced Hall, therefore, joins Cusworth and Woodward against Newport, where Leicester have won only four times, twice before the Second World War and twice since. Also in Leicester's XV is Black, most of whose first-team experience has been at No 8. Newport hope to have the British Lions centre, Gareth Evans, back in action but they will be without another centre, Robinson, who has a damaged knee.

In Wales the centre of attention will be the much-postponed third-round cup games. The holders, Cardiff, have their full quota of internationals for the trip to Ebbw Vale, including England's No 8, Scott. Ebbw Vale will be without their captain and hooker, Jonathan Williams, who has a damaged rib cartilage, and assuming Cardiff win, it will be their ninth cup victory in succession.

Perhaps the most difficult cup task faces Bridgend, last season's losing finalists, who travel to Neath. Chris Williams returns at centre for Bridgend while Neath hope that their captain, Richards, the Wales B hooker, the flanker, Jones and Iock, Cross, will all have recovered from injury.

Another Bridgend club are still involved in the cup: Bridgend Sports, who play host to Newbridge. With the best will in the world it should be the close of the junior club's campaign, particularly since Newbridge have their two internationals, Davis and Lane, back in action.

English put Welsh fowards to flight

By John Clemison

English Univs 50 Welsh Univs 7

On a cold and blustery afternoon at Birmingham University yesterday, English Universities took their revenge for a 12—3 defeat last time these two teams met by trouncing Welsh Universities by seven goals and two tries to a try and a dropped goal.

The English students, who were twice behind in the first-half, overcame the Welsh in every department, but nowhere more so than in the forwards. They dominated the lineouts through Pinnegar and Watmough, forced the Welsh to retreat at every set scrum and were masters of the loose.

The Welsh, at times, made the most appalling errors. Late in the game, they even had the indignity of conceding a try when Clements had fielded the ball cleanly near the touchline, well away from the main theatre of play. Clements was aghast as he saw Moore steal the ball from him and touch down almost unopposed.

There was little to suggest that the English would run out winners so easily on the basis of the first 20 minutes. Howells was kicking menacingly across the field and Emyr was causing Sumner all manner of trouble when the ball descended on the English right wing. So tricky was the wind that Sumner was bound to misjudge his catch eventually. As soon as he did, Crook descended upon him, seized the ball and fed Emyr for a try.

The English students produced a memorable try in response. From a quick throw in on their own 22, Watmough drove up the touchline and laid the ball back to Kendry. The scrum half's pass was so long that it reached Jones in the centre. Martin came into the line from full back and sent Munnings on a 50-metre run towards the Welsh line. The ball came back inside to Chesworth, then to Jelinek and Thornley. A sweetly-timed pass put Jones over, Chesworth converting.

Though the Welsh went back into the lead with a dropped goal by Doyle, the English students were winning too much possession to stay behind for long. A try by Munnings, converted by Chesworth, put them 12—7 up at the break. A second try by Munnings, two by Carr and one by Martin, Sumner, Moore and Jelinek, and another five conversions by Chesworth, put paid to any hopes the Welsh had of regaining their composure.

ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES: C Martin (Bath); R Sumner (Exeter), J Carr (Bristol), D Jones (Warwick), N Munnings (Loughborough); N Chesworth (Durham), J Kendry (Exeter); D Davies (Loughborough), B Moore (Nottingham), N Walker (Exeter) (rep. C Mathes, Bristol), C Pinnegar (Exeter, captain), D Watmough (Sheffield), D Jelinek (Loughborough), P Thorney (Exeter) (rep. P Sidi, Newcastle), D O'Callaghan (Loughborough).

WELSH UNIVERSITIES: D Clements (Aberystwyth); R Montel (Swansea), G Doyle (Cardiff) (rep. H Watkins, Cardiff), R Lewis (Swansea), A Emyr (Aberystwyth); J Howells (Bangor), M Borthwick (Aberystwyth); S Parry (Medicals), M Evans (Medicals), J Grice (Swansea), T Broughton (Cardiff), K Thompson (Swansea), L Crook (Aberystwyth, captain), M Collier (Lampeter), O Thomas (Swansea).

Referee: D C Thomas (North Midlands).

Vital mission for Carr

Ian Greaves, manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers invites the former Scottish international Willie Carr to turn back the clock today and show he is the man to steer the struggling Molineux side to first division safety. Carr, aged 32, will play in midfield against Manchester United—his first league game since October—with Mr Greaves looking for the "Willie I used to know".

Mr Greaves said: "I haven't seen him play a competitive game for a year or so, but at his best he was always a productive player, a fine passer of the ball and a man capable of providing a steadying influence in midfield.

"If he can still do that then his age doesn't matter. We appeared to have no semblance of organization when I watched the team at Spurs last week. Perhaps he can help out that right."

Bob Coy, a 21-year-old defender, has only his second senior outing, taking over from the injured Gallagher, and Daniel returns after injury in place of Eves. United, 5—0 winners against Wolves at Old Trafford in October, have their midfield player Moses out with an ankle injury but Birtles has recovered from the leg injury which kept him out of the midweek England XI memorial match for Bill Taylor.

Southampton, the first division leaders, may have Moran back in their forward line for the visit of Nottingham Forest. He has missed four games with a back injury and challenges Puckett and Hebberd for a place.

Manchester City, who are fourth, have Hartford back in contention for their home game with Brighton and Hove Albion. He has completed a one-match suspension

Barnes ordered to pay his fine

Peter Barnes yesterday lost his appeal against a £500 fine imposed by the Leeds United manager Allan Clarke for comments under his name in a newspaper article. Barnes' appeal was rejected by a management committee sub-committee hearing in Manchester.

The sub-committee of Dick Wragg and Jack Wiseman also heard an appeal by Stoke's Lee Chapman against a £250 fine for similar comments and reduced the figure to £100.

Both players have the right of appeal and Chapman plans to take his case to an independent tribunal. Barnes said: "I had a fair hearing but at this moment I don't know whether or not I will appeal against the decision".

Wages proposal unlikely to win support

By Norman Fox

Summer football and a different basic wage structure are likely to be the most controversial proposals to be discussed by the Football League chairmen at their seminar in Solihull next weekend. Hull City's chairman, Christopher Needler, will suggest that players accept different basic wages in the four divisions.

The seminar has been called to discuss football's financial crisis, but Mr Needler's proposals are unlikely to win support from players. He also wants to abolish automatic rises at the conclusion of their contracts and to impose a maximum number of players at each club.

Summer football may have a more serious hearing now that the Football League Executive Staffs' Association members have voted 113-44 in favour. However, the chairmen are more interested in a mid-season break.

The agenda includes a review of progress since the 1980 seminar when it was agreed that clubs would not "poach" each others managers. Doubtless Oxford United's new chairman, Robert Maxwell, will want the subject reviewed in view of his club's loss of Ian Greaves to Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Crucial day for Aberdeen

Aberdeen, who have scored only three goals in their last five games, will hope that a week spent examining where they have gone wrong will pay off in today's Scottish Cup fourth round tie against Celtic at Pittodrie.

Aberdeen have suffered successive 3—1 home defeats by Celtic in the league this season, the most recent two weeks ago, but Celtic are guarding against complacency. Billy McNeill, their manager, said yesterday: "No two games are alike and a cup-tie creates a special atmosphere. But in saying that we must be careful, because Aberdeen have so much at stake in this match."

Aberdeen have been knocked out of the League and Uefa Cups and have been slipping down the premier division table further and further with every goalless game.

Rangers, the Cup holders, are taking no chances for their home match against Dumbarton, who are struggling in the first division. McPherson, Rangers teenaged defender, makes way for Bett, who has served a two-match suspension. John Greig, the manager, said: "We have reached too important a stage in the Cup to experiment".

Jardine, Rangers' Scottish international full back, will be playing his 750th game for the club. Jardine, aged 33, is out to equal the club record of six winners' medals in the competition. Dumbarton expect to have Gallagher and Clougherty fit again after injury.

Sturrock, Dundee United's international striker, returns after a bout of influenza to strengthen his struggling side against Hibernians. Stark now has the illness too, however, and misses the match, which Jim McClean, United's manager, thinks will be decided by a single goal.

St Mirren, who travel to Clydebank, will be under strength because Abercromby is suspended and Beckett is injured. St Mirren's manager Ricky McFarlane, brings in Wilson, aged 20, for his first-team debut at full-back, in place of Beckett.

Forfar, pushing for promotion to the first division meet Heart of Midlothian at Tynecastle and another second division club Alloa Athletic, meet Queen's Park at Hampden Park. Alloa, managed by the former Liverpool player, Alex Totten, surprised Ayr United in the third round.

Two first division rivals, Kilmarnick and St Johnstone, will be difficult to separate, and tomorrow Dundee can make their premier division status tell against Meadowbank, who were so short-staffed in the last round against Clyde that they could field only one substitute.

Heriot's eager for revenge

By Iain Mackenzie

After the mid-winter break, the Scottish championship resumes today when competitive matches will be played at club level for the first time since late November.

Most sides have only three games to play; there will be another round of league fixtures a fortnight hence, and in mid-March titles and promotions will be decided on the final league Saturday of the season. There will be no relegation this year because of the decision to increase the number of clubs in each of the seven divisions from 12 to 14.

Of the 42 fixtures scheduled for this weekend the most interesting is at Goldenacre in Edinburgh, where Heriot's meet Gala in a match which will do much to decide who will win the championship. Gala, the title holders, are trying to win it for the third successive time; Heriot's, the only club outside the Borders to have won the championship since it began almost 10 years ago (they were successful in 1979), are equally anxious to prove that that sole success was not a fluke. It is in Heriot's favour that their international wing, Bill Gammell, will be back in the side after injury, and that they will be playing in front of a capacity home crowd, probably the largest so far in Scotland this season, apart from at internationals.

Ringland injured

The Irish wing, Trevor Ringland (Queen's University), has damaged his left hand in a university game and his condition is causing the selectors some concern, with the triple crown game against Scotland looming large on their horizon. The uncapped Keith Crossan (Instonians), who was called up on stand-by before the match against England when Moss Finn was doubtful, has been asked to stand by again.

Golf

Trevino charms gallery and takes first pace

Melbourne, Feb 12.—Lee Trevino took over the lead from the local professional, Michael Clayton, after the second round of the Victorian Open championship here today. A huge gallery was delighted as Trevino went ahead with a four-under-par 68 for a two-round total of 138.

Behind them were the defending champion, Bill Dunk, and Bob Shaw, both from New South Wales, and the local hope, Bob Shearer

Trevino, who was two under par overnight, relegated Clayton, aged 24, to second place. In a day of contrasting fortunes, Trevino climbed steadily to gain four further strokes from the gruelling course.

SECOND ROUND (Australia unless stated): 138: L Trevino (US) 70, 68; 139: T McDonald, 71, 68, M Clayton, 67, 72; 140: R Shaw, 72, 68, R Shearer, 69, 71, W Dunk, 69, 71; 141: J Anderson (Canada), 71, 70, V Somers, 71, 70; 142: C Tickner, 69, 73, I Stanley, 69, 73, A Bonnington (NZ), 69, 73; 143: R McNaughton, 70, 73; 144: G Wolstenholme, 73, 71, E Ball, 73, 71, G Marsh, 73, 71; 145: D Good, 73, 72, C Norman, 73, 72, I Hood, 72, 73, M Harwood, 69, 76, P Headland, 71, 74; 146: A Russell (US), 70, 76; 147: M Colandro (US), 69, 78.

ORKNEY (South Africa): Sunshine circuit tournament, third round leaders (SA unless stated): 199: N Price 70, 66, 63; 207: J Bland 67, 71, 69; 208: T Claasens 69, 73, 66; D Watson 69, 67, 72; A Johnstone 71, 67, 70; 210: G Birch (GB) 71, 70, 69; P van Zyl 65, 74, 71; 211: V Tshabalala 72, 71, 68; P Simmons 67, 74, 70; H Baiocchi 68, 72, 71; 213: R Rafferty (Ireland) 73, 71, 69; W Humphreys (GB) 73, 69, 71.

Clampett takes a leaf out of the book of Homer

From John Ballantine
Honolulu, Feb 12

If Bobby Clampett ever dominates golf, as many of his admirers believe he will, there could well be a revival of interest in what he calls firmly his "system". This follows closely a method of striking the ball that is based upon a book called *The Golfing Machine* by one Homer Kelly.

Many critics feel that the book is about as easy to understand as Einstein's theory of relativity, and put it down with a groan after puzzling over the first few pages. Clampett himself claims not only to understand every word, but to spend many hours a day practicing to perfect the system.

When he has a score, like his almost flawless 67, which led the first round of the Hawaiian Open on a day of tempestuous wind and heavy continuous rain, even the sceptics get an uneasy feeling that he could well be on to something.

What is the system? As far as I can understand from Clampett himself, and other adherents, it is an attempt to break down the ideal and "perfect" human golf swing into component parts, e x a c t l y like dismantling a machine, and put them together again so as to produce the consistency of, say, a die-stamping machine on an assembly line.

How much of Clampett's undoubted mastery is due to these principles, and how much to his natural talent, is the question.

Nick Faldo scored 73, reverting from his experimental cross-handed putting style to his old trusty orthodox grip, and holing plenty. Starting at the 10th, he had an eagle at the 500-yard 13th with a four iron to 10 yards, and when he chipped in at the next hole for a birdie, he was three under par and among the leaders. He dropped a stroke in a bunker at the 16th, another by three putting the 17th green, but laid a 30-yard approach putt absolutely dead to save par at the 18th.

It was when Faldo turned into the 40 mph *kona* wind, and needed two drivers and a well-struck four iron to reach the green at the 521-yard first, that he realized he had problems. "Every time we went downwind, the rain came down in buckets", he grumbled afterwards. But although he dropped three more strokes, he had a birdie at the 501-yard ninth with a chip that grazed the cup for another eagle, and was not displeased with himself.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES: 67: B Clampett; 68: R Proben; 69: M Lye, E Sneed, A North, T Valentine; 70: P Izumigawa, T Watson, G Littler; 71: M Kuramoto, F Zoeller. Other scores include: 73: N Faldo (GB).

Bowls

Fullarton's victory ensures Scottish player in final

By Gordon Allan

John Fullarton reached the semi-final round of the Embassy world indoor bowls championship when he beat another Scot, Willie Wood, 21—12 at Coatbridge, near Glasgow, yesterday. He faces John Watson today so that, for the first time since this event was inaugurated in 1979, a Scot is assured of a place in tomorrow's final. The other final place rests between John Dunn (England) and Jim Baker (Ireland).

Wood moved smoothly to a 5—0 lead, but after that the match slipped steadily away from him. Fullarton proved more accurate with his first bowl and equally consistent at following it up. He took a four to go 13—6 in front and although he had subsequent lapses of length and concentration, Wood had even more of them.

Fullarton lay game at 19—12. Wood pushed in one of his own bowls for second shot; at the next end Fullarton did what he had to do. The West of Scotland had beaten the East: Fullarton is from Ardrossan, Wood from Edinburgh.

Watson beat Peter Bryant (New Zealand) 21—2 in the morning. When Bryant made his astonishing recovery from 14—5 down to beat David Tso (Hongkong) he became the first New Zealander to win a match in this event. A comparable recovery against Watson never looked remotely likely.

Watson found and kept his line and length: Bryant found neither. This meant that the pressure on Bryant increased with every end, until it must have felt like a deadweight. Watson's score included a four and three threes and the match was over in 11 ends—the shortest of the championship so far.

Dunn, aged 18, the youngest competitor here, whose match against David Bryant on Thursday will be talked about and replayed in imagination for a long time, was encouraged to take up the game by his father, himself a bowler of county standard, who has played for Kent. Young Dunn has had two indoor trials for England, but has still to win the coveted place. There is little doubt that that place will come his way, sooner rather than later.

He started bowling five years ago at the age of 13. A year later he won the championship of his club, Grosvenor, in Tunbridge Wells. He went on to win the Kent under-35 event, finished second in the Kent singles, and became the youngest player to gain a Kent badge.

On the whole he prefers the outdoor game. Few players would differ from him on that score, given a blue sky, warm sunshine and a fast, inviting green. He prefers fast conditions, indoor or out, and says he finds the Coatbridge green on the slow side, which meant he had to adapt. He brought to that task the same cool dedication and determination that he brings to each wood.

Of his match with Bryant, he said he was quite confident about his famous last shot. Confidence, in fact, is Dunn's middle name. It was the quality that struck everybody who saw him take the English indoor title at Rugby last year. Now his main ambitions are to win the British title and to play for England.

He works for an insurance company in Tunbridge Wells. Football, snooker and dancing are his other sporting interests, but bowls comes first and he tries to play at least twice a week. "It's a great game", he says. "Young people are flocking into it. I want to help to dispel the idea that it's only played by old men and women."

RESULTS: Second round: J Watson (Scotland) 21, P Bryant (New Zealand) 2; J Fullarton (Scotland) 21, W Wood (Scotland) 12.

Show jumping

Billington banned for a month

George Billington, the 26-year-old Lancashire rider, has been banned for a month by stewards of the British Showjumping Association. Billington was found guilty of misusing a whip on Mighty Atom while competing at Cleworth Hall, Lancashire, last September, but the stewards decided his behaviour did not amount to ill-treatment of the horse. Billington will not miss any major event during the ban, which ends on March 9.

Squash rackets

When politeness was the order of the day

By Rex Bellamy

The Army won the Services championship for the eighth consecutive year by beating the Royal Air Force 5—0 yesterday at the Lakeside Country Club, Frimley Green. Thus ended a three-day tournament that was a refreshing change from the occasionally disputatious excesses of the professional circuit. Players made every effort to get out of each other's way, ran round their opponents when it was necessary and possible, and instantly accepted the referee's decisions.

It says much for the Army's depth of talent that they had an impregnable lead before the Scottish No 1, Neil Stewart, went on court. The Scottish No 2, Chris Wilson, always easy to recognize because of his bloodily scarred knees (he really gets down to the ball), put them ahead with a 9—1, 9—0, 9—3 win over John Nutkins at third string. Nutkins waited in vain for any sign of weakness in Wilson's physical or mental stamina. But nothing was made easy for Nutkins.

Clark Adam at five, saved two game balls in the second game before beating Lew Arthur 8—10, 10—9, 6—9, 9—6, 9—2. This match reflected credit on both men because Adam is relatively inexperienced at this level and Arthur, the 1979 RAF champion, is playing his first season of squash after breaking a thigh in a car accident.

Robibe Robinson a former English amateur international, beat Dave Clarke 9—2, 9—5, 9—0 in a first strings match that especially in the second game, was tougher than the score suggests. This match, notably Robinson's contribution, was mostly exemplary in its tactical patterns and the wealth of shots used to achieve them. Robinson had to work hard to exert his authority in the second game but a combination of adversity, frustration and relentless pressure later lured Clarke into indiscretions. Robinson's high backhand volleys into the cross-court nick put the stamp of class on an admirable match.

The margin was extended from 3—0 to 5—0 when Stewart beat Nigel Giffin 9—1, 9—4, 9—4 at second string and Dick Sharkey beat Peter Scully 9—0, 9—5, 9—5 at four.

Hockey

England swoop for gold at home and abroad

By Sydney Friskin

It should be a joyful weekend for England if the seniors win the home countries indoor championship at Maidenhead and the juniors triumph in the first European junior championship at Vienna. A double gold medal in one swoop would be something unique in the game's history.

As usual, England's main rivals at Maidenhead will be Scotland, who won the title last year in Cardiff. Billy McLean leads a Scottish side well stocked with indoor experts such as Stobbie, Coventry, Dargo, Callaghan and Thom.

England, though not as strong as they might have been if they had Saini and Manjit Flora, who have been dropped, still have sufficient resources to win back the title from Scotland. England are led by Richard Clarke, a superb scorer at corners, whose main aim is to surpass the total of 84 goals scored by Ian Barrett, of Hounslow, to become England's leading indoor scorer.

This could be the year, however, when Wales offer a stronger challenge than before. Missing from last season's team are Foulkes, who has retired, Conway and Coles, who are not available. But Wales have been able to call on Bryn Williams, David Thomas and Western and with them they have acquired a more balanced look.

In Vienna England's task seems to have been made a lot easier by the absence of both West Germany and the Netherlands, who decided not to play in the junior championship because of other commitments. Austria, Denmark, Scotland and Wales are in Group A and England, France, Italy and Switzerland in Group B. Here, too, there could be an England-Scotland final tomorrow.

Outdoors, the quarter-final round of the county championship will be played tomorrow. At Crane Sports Club, Ipswich, Suffolk, the Eastern champions, are at home to Nottinghamshire. Suffolk's experience has brought them so far and they are looking to Jamieson, Long, Crowe and Turner to show them the way, although they should have no easy task against an equally experienced Nottingham side led by Harvey, with Palmer a tower of strength at the back and a powerful striker of corners.

Surrey travel to Abbeydale Park, Sheffield, to meet Yorkshire in a game which promises to be a battle of forwards. Yorkshire, with Norman Hughes to guide them, are relying mainly on Yardley at centre forward to get the goals. Surrey have an equally resourceful man in the centre, Michael van Houten who plays for Purley. This could be the most exciting match of the day.

Buckinghamshire, last year's runners-up, with their usual strong force of Slough players, go to Fenners to play Cambridgeshire who, though full of spirit, seem unlikely to match their opponents' skills. Cheshire, the Northern champions, who are also among the day's travellers, ought to beat Gloucestershire, who achieved two surprise results in the Western championship and should not be taken too lightly.

HOME COUNTRIES INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: England 7, Wales 7, Scotland 8, Ireland 3

Midland counties play-off

By Joyce Whitehead

As territorial matches have taken priority over the territorial tournaments since the weather improved, the National Championship finals, which should have taken place in Portsmouth this weekend, have been postponed to April 24-25. Before the conditions made further play impossible only the West and South had completed their tournaments.

Cornwall's National Championship quarter-final on April 19 will be against Sheffield League, who regained their North title last weekend.

Midlands, who have given up all hops of replacing their county tournament, cancelled in Bedford after Christmas, have decided that their three unbeaten counties, Staffordshire, Leicestershire and Warwickshire must play-off, starting with today's match at Loughborough where Staffordshire, the National Championship holders, are Leicestershire's visitors.

For the record

Squash rackets

CARDIFF: International Challengers' Vase: G Brumby (Australia) beat R Norman (NZ) 9—4, 9—5, 1—9, 9—3. Lee-on-Solent: D Williams (Australia) beat G Awad (Egypt), 9—0, 9—2, 1—9, 9—1.

SINGAPORE: World junior team championship, first pool: Pakistan 3, Scotland 0 (A Gul beat F Ellis, 9—0, 9—6, 9—4; S Qaiser beat M MacLean, 9—6, 9—7, 9—1; U Hayat beat B Tait, 9—4, 9—6, 9—1); New Zealand 3, Ireland 0 (R Wyatt beat J Phelan, 9—1, 9—3, 9—0; D McQueen beat J Barrett, 4—9, 9—1, 9—1, 9—0; H Leabourn beat J McKay, 9—3, 9—0, 9—7). Second pool: England 3, Wales 0 (M Green beat H Evans, 9—3, 9—10, 9—2, 9—3; C Willstrop beat A Williams, 9—3, 9—3, 9—5; M Bodimead beat A Davies, 10—8, 9—5, 9—2); Australia 3 Sweden 0.

Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: New York Knicks 120, Golden State Warriors 117; Detroit Pistons 125, Cleveland Cavaliers 115; Milwaukee Bucks 116, Portland Trail Blazers 105; Houston Rockets 117, Seattle Supersonics 100.

Ice hockey

NATIOANL LEAGUE: Detroit Red Wings 4, Vancouver Canucks 4; Montreal Canadiens 1, Pittsburgh Penguins 2; Philadelphia Flyers 6, Buffalo Sabres 4; New York Islanders 8, Chicago Black Hawks 3; Boston Bruins 4, Minnesota North Stars 2; Washington Capitals 5, Clagary Flames 3; Quebec Nordiques 4, Los Angeles Kings 4.

Hockey

KARACHI: Pakistan 2, Netherlands 1.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Davos	140	250	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	-1
Excellent skiing on piste							
Grindelwald	15	100	Good	Varied	Fair	Fine	4
Good skiing on upper slopes							
Flaine	110	390	Fair	Spring	Poor	Fine	5
Lower pistes worn							
Kitzbühel	80	200	Good	Spring	Snow.	Hard	0
Good spring snow off piste							
Saas-Fee	50	160	Fair	Crust	Poor	Fine	3
Lower pistes worn							
St Moritz	70	100	Good	Crust	Good	Fine	2
Worn patches on lower slopes							
Sauze d'Oulx	20	60	Good	Varied	Worn	Fine	1
Upper slopes excellent							
Seefeld	145	195	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	5
Excellent skiing conditions							
Vald'Isère	140	225	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	-3
Good skiing on pistes							
Verbier	70	230	Good	Varied	Fair	—	—
Worn patches on lower slopes							
Villars	15	120	Good	Varied	Fair	Fine	6
Worn patches on lower slopes							
Wengen	40	130	Good	Varied	Fair	Fine	3
Good skiing on upper slopes							
Wilsschönau	80	210	Fair	Varied	Fair	Fine	8
Compact on all runs							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to Lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from a tourist board:

NORWAY

	Depth (cm) L U	State of Piste	Weather °C
Finse	150	Good	-6
Geilo	80	Good	-5
Gol			
Lillehammer	120	Good	-2
Norefjell	110	Good	-3
Oslo	80	Good	-2
Voss	140	Good	-1
Rjukan	80	Good	-1

Racing

Gaye Chance a golden prospect

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

It would be hard to imagine a more open race than this year's Schweppes Gold Trophy, the feature of today's programme at Newbury. Thirty runners have stood their ground which makes it the biggest field for the race since that great hurdler Persian War was successful 14 years ago.

Persian War is still the only horse to have won this race carrying more than 11st 4lb. And that puts the tasks facing Heighlin, Ekbalco and Connaught Ranger more into perspective.

I feel bound to question Heighlin's ability to win with 11st 12lb on his back. Indeed, it is possible to argue that he has no chance whatsoever of beating Homeson on their running at Kempton a week ago.

However, the racecourse gossip is that Ekbalco is colossally fancied by his connexions. They have certainly put their money where their mouth is and have backed him as if defeat is out of the question, although he finished behind two of today's other runners, For Auction and Pearlstone, in the Irish Sweeps Hurdle at Leopardstown, a fortnight ago.

On that occasion, David Goulding appeared to lie too far out of his ground on Ekbalco, just as he did when they were beaten by Heighlin in the Berkshire Hurdle over today's course and distance in November.

A better impression of Ekbalco can be gleaned from the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle earlier that month. On that occasion he was too good at weights for Pollardstown and Gaye Chance. Judged on that performance, Ekbalco must have a sporting chance of landing this mighty gamble, but I still prefer Gaye Chance, who will be meeting him on 9lb better terms today than at Newcastle.

For a horse with his record, Gaye Chance has not been punished unduly by the handicapper. Last season he won the valuable Royal Doulton Handicap Hurdle at Haydock, besides the Philip Cornes Saddle of Gold final at Newbury, and the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham. Recently, Gaye Chance won the Haydock Park Champion Hurdle trial by beating Starlen, and Starlen is no slouch when he is right.

While that was a good effort it was Gaye Chance's previous race, against Celtic Ryde at Kempton Park in December, which finally persuaded me to believe that today's great prize is within his grasp.

Celtic Ryde was almost unbeatable around Kempton yet Gaye Chance got to within a length of him that day, carrying the same weight as he has now. In that race Lumen, Knighthood, Grey Mate, Donegal Prince, Holemoor Star, The Tsarevich and Mount Harvard all finished behind Gaye Chance and there is no real reason why the story should be any different today.

The very nature of the Schweppes, which is invariably run at a breakneck gallop on what is one of the most testing courses in the country, seems certain to bring the best out of my selection who is a thorough stayer.

Thursday's rain was against both Lumen and Grey Mate, who would have preferred better ground. In the circumstances, Homeson is now Josh Gifford's first string. Homeson is undeniably well handicapped if one relies solely on his run against Heighlin and Donegal Prince at Kempton, but in his case you have only the relativlely flimsy evidence of that one effort which was far above anything achieved last season, whereas the case supporting Gaye Chance is rock solid.

All those below Mr Moonraker would have less to carry if the handicap were extended to its full range and they include Apple Wine who was to have been John O'Neill's mount until concussion ruled him out. Andy Turnell rides instead.

Bootlaces won today's race two years ago, but he has achieved precious little in the meantime. In any case, the ground is unlikely to be heavy enough for him. Hopes of what would be a third Irish victory in the race rest with For Auction, Pearlstone and Dellersbeck.

A victory for Diamond Edge in the Compton Steeplechase should be a formality as his preparation for this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup takes another step forward.

But with Drumgora, News King, Rathgorman and Artifice all standing their ground the Game Spirit Steeplechase should certainly be an exhilarating spectacle.

All four have already been entered at Cheltenham next month for the Queen Mother Champion Steeplechase which Drumgora won last March. As far as today is concerned much will depend on the ground. Neither News King nor Rathgorman want it too soft; whereas, like so many Irish horses, Drumgora relishes a bog. In this instance, the conditions would appear to favour Rathgorman who comes from a stable which can do little wrong at present.

Midnight Court, who won the Cheltenham Gold Cup four seasons ago, runs in the Charles Higgins Memorial Foxhunters Cup. And this will be his first race of this nature.

Yesterday his rider, Oliver Sherwood, told me that Midnight Court was very well but his counsel was that only time would tell whether the fire of old has been rekindled by a spell hunting.

At Newbury yesterday, Lulav was an impressive winner of the Stroud Green Hurdle, thereby strengthening his trainer David Nicholson's belief that his stable has an excellent chance of winning the Triumph Hurdle.

In stating that both Lulav and Goldspun will both run in the Triumph, Nicholson declined to put his head on the block and say which of the two he would most fancy on the day. All he did say was that Steve Smith Eccles will ride whichever Peter Scudamore does not, and that neither will have a choice.

It was hard not to be struck by Lulav's performance yesterday because he was still pulling double over his rivals when there was only one hurdle left to jump. When Scudamore decided that the moment was ripe to let him go he quickly opened a gap. Lulav is likely to be seen in public again before Cheltenham, probably in the Tote Place-Pot hurdle at Kempton on February 27.

Goldspun, who missed yesterday's race because he had stood on a flint and bruised a foot, is now earmarked for a race at Ascot four days earlier.



Gaye Chance: Mercy Rimell's main hope for the valuable Schweppes Gold Trophy

STATE OF GOING (official) Catterick: good. Ayr: soft. Newbury: good to soft. Monday Plumpton: soft. Nottingham: hurdle, soft; chase: good.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS Daily Express Triumph Hurdle Cheltenham:— Conform.

Goulding is not the Ayr crowd's favourite

David Goulding, who rides the favourite, Ekbalco, in today's Schweppes Gold Trophy at Newbury, was in trouble with the Ayr crowd and stewards yesterday. Finishing third on the 13 to eight joint favourite Coffee Boy in the Hamilton-Campbell Challenge Cup Handicap Steeplechase, he was showered with abuse by the crowd as he entered the unsaddling enclosure.

The stewards then interviewed him and the trainer, Chris Thornton, about the riding of Coffee Boy. Thornton, fully supporting the jockey, said: "The horse just did not have the early pace and I think Goulding rode a good race getting as close as he did. I will be trying Coffee Boy over a longer trip next time."

The stewards accepted the explanation that Coffee Boy could not keep up with the others when the pace quickened. Thornton said that Coffee Boy had run a similar race last time when falling and in his opinion needed a longer distance in handicap company.

Lord Provost, the winner, who was always prominent, led at the last to beat Polars Laddie by a comfortable two lengths and a half, with Coffee Boy a further one length and a half away.

Lord Provost's owner-trainer, Miss Helen Hamilton, from Innerleithen, said: "I thought Lord Provost would run well today. He had the only fall in his life at Kelso last time out."

Earls Brig made a spectacular start on his first run over regular fences when taking the Adamhill Cup Hunter Steeplechase by an impressive 20 lengths from Caherty. He returns to the track next month, where he has the choice of engagements in either the Appleyard Hunters' Steeplechase or the Ayrshire Hunters' Challenge Cup on March 13 and 15.

Peter Craggs, who rode the winner, was enthusiastic about Earls Brig's display. "He jumped super throughout and it was only at the twelfth, where I asked him to stand back, that he made a mistake, but that was my fault".

New Formula, who won the race last year, set off in front but at the tenth Earls Brig, who was always jumping boldly, took over. The winner, who is owned, bred and trained at Hawick by William Hamilton, was the north's biggest point-to-point find last season, collecting on each of his five starts.

□ Mills High (Paul Bradwell) and Brighton Road (Paul Tulk) increased British trainers' earning's at Cagnes-sur-Mer to more than £25,000 when they completed a long-priced double yesterday.

Mills High, trained by Clive Brittain, paid 10.80fr for a win, and 3.20 a place, in the £2,747 Prix de l'Herault, while Robert Armstrong's Brighton Road returned 16.50fr for a win and 3.70 a place in the £3,663 Prix Joseph Collignon.

Political Pop can continue good work

By Michael Seely

Political Pop is a confident selection to beat Royal Dipper and Little Bay in the Elk Handicap Steeplechase at Ayr this afternoon. Bregawn, Political Pop and Cavity Hunter are Michael Dickinson's three principal arrows to be aimed at the target of the season's valuable staying chases. All three have so far hit the bullseye and Political Pop can carry on the good work today.

After finishing runner-up to Diamond edge in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury in November, Political Pop did not reappear until Wetherby last Saturday where he beat Indecision by one and a half lengths. The pair finished 20 lengths clear of the rest of the field. Indecision boasted good form when trained in Ireland and it was a useful performance by the winner to have successfully conceded 18lb. Political Pop has looked in superb condition beforehand and jumped immacularly throughout the race.

Although the Irish chalenger, Royal Dipper, ran consistently well last season, his performance suggested that he needed three miles. Recently at Fairy house, this improving seven-year-old came right back to his best when giving Tied Cottage 8lb and a ten lengths beating

Little Bay is a formidable opponent on his day. He has a fine burst of speed but his finishing effort has to be timed to the second. If he hits the front too soon, as happened against Mullacurry at the previous meeting on this track, Little Bay is inclined to chuck in his hand. Ron Barry will surely produce Gordon Richards's seven-year-old later on the scene today. However, Political Pop, and Robert Earnshaw, cannot be opposed.

Peter Easterby, champion trainer for the past three seasons, could well land a treble at Ayr with Home Ground, Raconteur and Davidoff. Judged by his recent victory on this track, Home Ground is not weighted to beat Press Gang in the Fisherton Handicap Hurdle. But Home Ground would have won more easily but for flattening the last flight of hurdles. If caught in the right mood, this able, but somewhat reluctant character takes a deal of beating in this kind of company.

Raconteur will be out to defy top weight in the Ladbroke Betcha Novice Handicap Hurdle qualifier. Agfter being first past the post on three occasions, Raconteur disappointed behind Commerce and Apple Wine at Doncaster last time out. However, Raconteur looked in need of a race on that occasion and with the benefit of that run behind him should be capable of giving 5lb to Manhattan Island.

The feature race at Catterick Bridge is the Grand National Trial Stakes. Clever General, Solo Sam and Hallo Dandy are all useful Northern handicappers, but none of this trio should be capable of beating Megan's Boy, who gave Bregawn such a good fight for his money in the William Hill Yorkshire Chase at Doncaster.

Conditions just right for Another Story

Our Irish Correspondent
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Daring Run and Twinburn, the lat two winners of the Erin Foods Champion Hurdle, today clash in the newly entitled Leopardstown Champion Hurdle, but as both are fully penalised they may not manage the concession of 16lb to Another Story.

Appreciating how well he was treated by the conditions of this event, his tainer, Dessie Hughes, deliberately left him out of the Sweeps Hurdle, over this course and distance earlier this month, so that he would have a fresh horse with which to challenge for this rich prize.

Another Story has proved himself equally at home both on the Flat and over hurdles, his successes including the Nass November Handicap on the flat and a defeat of the Sweeps Hurdle winner, For Auction, over jumps.

Daring Run faded badly in the closing stages of the Sweeps Hurdle, but that run is best ignored in assissing his prosects here. A year ago, he defeated Ivan King and Pallardstown after a good tussle and I am sure that he will run well.

After winning the Erin Foods in 1980, Twinburn broke down and was off the track for more than a year. In finishing fifth to For Auction in the Sweeps Hurdle he served notice that he was recovering his form. Ivan King should be the best each-way prospect amongst the long shots, but Another Story makes most appeal.

Royal Bond, the principle Irish candidate for the Gold Cup, carries top weight of 12st in the Harold Clarke Leopardstown Steeplechase.

In this race last year, a bad mistake at the second-last fence knocked him out of contention, and he appears to have his fair share of weight, having to give more than a stone to Owen's Image who won the important Findus Handicap Steeplechase over this course and distance at Christmas.

On that occasion Owen's Image was a heavily-backed favourite and he looked certain to be the punters' first choice today. My preference, however, is for the still improving Kilkilowen who has run up a splendid score in steeplechases over the past twelve months

As Spinks defends he thinks of $2m

Michael Spinks will move within sight of a $2m pay day if he retains his World Boxing Association light-heavyweight title against Mustapha Wasajja, of Uganda, in Atlantic City today. Spinks, brother of Leon, a former world heavyweight champion, is already looking beyond this bout to a meeting with the rival World Boxing Council title holder, Dwight Braxton, in the autumn.

"I would like at least two million dollars for that one," said Spinks, who enters the ring against Wasajja defending an unbeaten professional record stretching back to 18 contests, including 12 knockouts.

Wasajja has emerged as the number one contender by winning 24 of his 25 bouts — he lost 15 out of 28 as an amateur — but his lack of punching power is likely to be critical against an opponent of the calibre of Spinks. The Ugandan has only seven knockouts to his credit.

Spinks, who won the title from Eddie Mustafa Muhammad in Las Vegas last July, will be making his second defence of the WBA crown; in his first defence he stopped Vonzell Johnson in seven rounds here in November.

Spinks admits that he knows little about Wasajja apart from the fact that he is left-handed. "He been winning by moving, sticking and scoring from the outside and when a fighter keeps winning like that you have to be concerned," he said.

Spinks's trainer, Percy Richardson has brought in a string of left-handed sparring partners for his man, who has sparred 114 rounds against three southpaws, Chris Wells, Bernard McClain and Leo Rogers. Wasajja's trainer, Dane Borge Krogh, is confident that his man can unseat the champion. "Spinks throws slow punches. He's no Sugar Ray Leonard, that's for sure".

Spinks, aged 25, hinted that he might follow his brother into the heavyweight ranks. "I'm young and I'm big in the legs," he said "the day will come when I won't be able to make weight".

In Johannesburg a South African, Robbie Williams, and a Puerto Rican, Ossie Ocasio, battle today for the honour of becoming the first champion of the WBA's recently-created cruiserweight division. Postponed from Last Saturday after a deluge flooded the open-air stadium and wrecked the ring canopy, it should be a close, if poor-quality, world title contest.

Williams and Ocasio are the WBA's leading contenders, although both men are largely unknown internationally. Neither figures in the rival WBC ratings and neither has defeated anyone of note.

Williams came to the fore with two pulverizing victories over moderate local heavyweights and Ocasio's claim to fame is that he went seven rounds with the world champion, Larry Holmes, before being dumped on the canvas for the full count in 1979 — Reuter.

Skiing

Podborski gives ground

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, West Germany, Feb 12. — The Austrians and Swiss look set to claim the lion's share of success at the men's World Cup downhill here tomorrow, the first since the world championships and the last in Europe before the American tour. Steve Mahre of the United States looks certain to win the World Cup for a second successive year, but the downhill title itself is far from settled.

Steve Podborski of Canada leads the standings with 94 points but if the results of the practice trials here are anything to go by, he does not seem to have recovered from his disappointment in the world championships at Schladming. The 10 best times from the three practice runs were filled almost entirely by Austrians ans Swiss with Podborski, the Soviet Union's Valerie Zyganov and the Italian Michael Mair being the exceptions.

Franz Klammer of Austria will not be taking part after the injuries he suffered in the world championships, leaving the likely battle between the Austrians Harti Weirather, a downhill gold medal winner at the world championships, Leonhard Stock, and Erwin Resch and the Swiss skiers Peter Mueller, Conradin Cathomen, silver medal winner at Schladming, and Peter Luesche.

The winner of the women's downhill trophy in the world cup will be known after he final two downhills in Arosa, Switzerland tomorrow and Sunday. They have become crucial after the decision of the International Skiing Federation not to replace the posponed Piancavallo, Italy downhill in December with one in France next month.

A number of top skiers are jostling to claim the position vacated by the World Cup holder Marie-Therese Nadig of Switzerland. Irene Epple of West Germany is in the lead with 69 points. But her position is far from comfortable with Marie-Cecile Gros-Gaudenier of Grance on 68 points and Gerry Sorensen, of Canada, a downhill gold medal winner at the world championships, on 67, both breathing down her neck. Agence France-Presse.

Yachting

Race bedevilled before it starts

La Grande Motte, Feb 12. — Entries for the new 3,200 nautical miles Trans Mediterranean race, starting from this south of France resort on Sunday, have been affected by the number of other races. The start also had to be put back from November 1 because of Nato exercises and then the International Yacht Racing Union vetoed plans for big cash prizes.

The changeable weather at this time of the year, totally different from the calm seas and blue skies of summer, has also deterred some potential competitors.

In spite of all the problems, 17 craft will line up for a voyage to Maiorca, Corsica, Tunisia, Turkey and back. Favourites include Canada's Mike Birch, sailing a Mono-Hull rather than his usual Trimaran, and Paolo Matinoni of Italy and Daniel Gilard of France.

Newbury programme

Tote Double: 2.40 and 3.40 Treble: 2.0, 3.10 and 4.10

[Television (BBC): 1.30 2.0 2.40 and 3.10 races]

1.30 MINOR'S HURDLE (Div 1 4-y-o novices: £1,931: 2m 100yd) (16 runners)

101 0412 HIZ (R Horgan) R Hannon 11-9 ... Steve Knight
103 3313 ON A CLOUD (Ld Northampton) D Nicholson 11-9 ... P Scudamore
107 0 AMARACH (Sovereign Chemical Industries) R Fisher 11-4 ... D Goulding
109 0 BOWDEN (R Till) I Dudgeon 11-4 ... G McCourt
110 00 FABULOUS DUNCE (Outlook Metal Supplies) A Pitt 11-4 ... R Berry 4
111 FORTSTAR (L Thwaites) Mrs J Freeman 11-4 ... K Mooney
112 HARDLY COY (Mrs J Freeman) Mrs J Freeman 11-4 ... Mr K Broomfield 7
116 00 KINNIGGER (J Jones) M Francis 11-4 ... J Francome
117 22202 MARTELLI (Ld McAlpine) R Smyth 11-4 ... R Hughes
119 up0 PRICE COMMISSION (Mrs F Ashling) I Wardle 11-4 ... M Williams
120 0 PRINCE NONO (J Smart) R Hartop 11-4 ... M Floyd
121 RIVERS LAD (Mrs E Harty) G Balding 11-4 ... B Reilly
123 4 SPANISH BAY (F Hill) M Masson 11-4 ... B De Haan
124 033 ST DAVID'S DAY (R Cotterill) B Palling 11-4 ... C Candy
125 0344 VOICE OF PROGRESS (D Horswell) P Bailey 11-4 ... R Linley
128 000 WINDSOR BOND (Steel Plate & Sections) P Cundell 11-4 ... H Davies

2 Hiz, 3 Voice of Progress, 7-2 On A Cloud, 5 Fortstar, 8 Martelli, 14 others.

2.0 GAME SPIRIT CHASE (Handicap: £11,769: 2m 160yd) (6)

201 3142-41 DRUMGORA (D Monahan) A Moore (IRE) 10-12-0 ... Mr T Taaffe 7
202 10-1111 NEWS KING (D) (T Foreman) F Winter 8-11-7 ... J Francome
203 04-3111 RATHGORMAN (J Lilley) M Dickinson 10-11-6 ... K Whyte
205 1022-21 ARTIFICE (P Barber) J Thorne 11-10-8 ... R Hoare
206 p-42222 BEACON LIGHT (CD) (H Joel) R Turnell 11-10-5 ... A Turnell
209 0f-0001 CURRENT CHANCE (Mrs F A Smith) F A Smith 11-10-0 ... C Mann 7

7-4 Drumgora, 9-4 News King, 11-4 Rathgorman, 7 Beacon Light, 10 Artifice, 66 Current Chance.

2.40 SCHWEPPES GOLD TROPHY HURDLE (Handicap: £21,040: 2m 100yd) (30)

301 0-11221 HEIGHLIN (CD) (J Burr) D Elsworth 6-11-12 ... S J O'Neill
303 43-0120 EKBALCO (CD) (Tawfik Fakhouri) R Fisher 6-11-7 ... D Goulding
304 4-21204 CONNAUGHT RANGER (CD) (J McCaughey) Mrs M Rimell 8-11-4 ... B De Haan
305 1-31221 GAYE CHANCE (C) (Mrs M Curtis) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-4 ... S Morshead
306 0004-13 PEARLSTONE (W Brainard jun) P Mullins (IRE) 6-10-13 ... T Finn
307 20-2221 FOR AUCTION (F Heaslip) M Cunningham (IRE) 6-10-12 ... Mr C Magnier
308 210-243 BADSWORTH BOY (D Armitage) M Dickinson 7-10-10 ... G Bradley
309 1114-23 DONEGAL PRINCE (J McGonagle) P Kelleway 6-10-4 ... J Francome
310 0-12130 LUMEN (CD) (P Hopkins) J Gifford 7-10-4 ... —
311 1001-20 DELLERSBECK (S) (J Purfield) D Hughes (IRE) 6-10-4 ... M Dwyer
312 00030-4 BOOTLACES (CD) (Mainstreet Ltd) D Barons 8-10-3 ... S May
313 122000 RA TAPU (CD) (D Lugg) P Mitchell 5-10-3 ... R G Hughes
314 020-402 MOUNT HARVARD (Furlong Bros) N Henderson 6-10-2 ... S Smith-Eccles
315 1111100 MR MOONRAKER (CD) (Mrs P Blackburn) Miss S Morris 5-10-2 ... P Carvill 4
316 2-01203 THE TSAREVICH (CD) (Mrs C Henty) N Henderson 6-10-0 ... P Scudamore
317 110-010 GREY MATE (Wells Paper Co) D Kent 8-10-0 ... J Lovejoy 7
318 160-p12 APPLE WINE (Mrs A Sigsworth) M W Easterby 5-10-0 ... A Turnell
319 130-000 HIGH OLD TIME (S) (Dicums Ltd) S Mellor 6-10-0 ... J Nolan
321 21002-2 HOMESON (P Hopkins) J Gifford 5-10-0 ... R Rowe
322 331112 DU MAURIER (A Aylett) A Aylett 9-10-0 ... M Harrington 4
323 0400-03 WALNUT WONDER (F Hunt) D Elsworth 7-10-0 ... C Brown
324 040300 HAY RIDE (N Longuft) W Guest 9-10-0 ... J Barlow
325 203-310 HADAJAR (A Morris) M Tate 7-10-0 ... C Smith
326 420432 FRANCISCUS (J Marshall) A Jarvis 5-10-0 ... J Burke
327 000401 KNIGHTHOOD (H Joel) R Turnell 7-10-0 ... Steve Knight
328 210-212 ROADSTER (C Nash) P Bailey 6-10-0 ... V McKevitt 7
329 004210 PRINCE OF BERMUDA (CD) (B Babbage) Mrs M Babbage 7-10-0 ... B Reilly
330 200106 CLOG DANCE (C Holmes) J Clark 10-10-0 ... A Webb
331 001011 HOLEMOOR STAR (Mrs P Blackburn) Miss S Morris 5-10-0 ... M O Halloran
332 014043 LUXURIATE (CD) (Guinea Grill Stakes) I Wardle 5-10-0 ... M Williams

5 Ekbalco, 7 Gaye Chance, 10 Apple Wine, 12 Homeson, 14 Badsworth Boy, Heighlin, Donegal Prince, For Auction, Bootlaces, 16 Mount Harvard, 18 Pearlstone, 20 Mr Moonraker, Holemoor Star, 22 The Tsarevich, 25 Hadajar, Walnut Wonder, Lumen, 33 Connaught Ranger, Grey Mate, Ra Tapu, 40 others.

FORM: Heighlin (11-3 4lb) won easily 4l, 4l from Homeson (level), having his first race since Apr 22, and Donegal Prince (lvl), not suited by tight track, with Mr Moonraker (lvl) 7th. 8 ran. Kempton, Feb 6, 2m, good to soft. Ekbalco, see For Auction. Gaye Chance (12-0) stayed on well to win 2½l, 1½l from Starlen (lvl) and Boe Sting (rec 3lb) 7 ran. Haydock, Jan 23, 2m, good to soft. previously (11-4) finished well, 2nd, btn ¾l, to Celtic Ryde (gave 9lb), with Lumen (r 12lb) 1½l away 3rd, Knighthood (r 18lb) ¾l 4th, Grey Mate (r 25lb) 2l 5th, Donegal Prince (r 22lb) 5½l 7th, Holemoor Star (r 18lb) 1½l 8th, The Tsarevich (r 7lb) 1½l 9th, and Mount Harvard (r 10lb) not in first 9. 15 ran. Kempton, Dec 5, 2m, soft. For Auction (10-10) all out, won ¾l, 2l, from Royal Fair (r 10lb) and Pearlstone (g 3lb) looked likely winner until jumped last badly, with Ekbalco (g 16lb) making good headway when carried wide on final turn, never nearer 6th, btn further 1½l. Leopardstown, Jan 30, 2m, yielding. Badsworth Boy (12-7) first race since Nov 7, no extra on flat, 3rd, btn ¾l, sh hd, to Home Guard (r 39lb) and Press Gang (r 39lb) 11 ran. Ayr, Jan 30, 2m, good to soft. Dellersbeck (11-8) fought back after being headed on run-in, won nk, 2½l from Regal Dawn (r 20lb) and Master Green (r 23lb). 16 ran. Navan, Feb 3, 2m, soft. Bootlaces (12-7), the 1980 Schweppes winner, having first run this season, 4th, btn 9½l, to Desert Hero (r 30lb) with Prince of Bermuda (r 20lb) 10l, 5th. 15 ran. Windsor, Jan 30, 2m soft. Mount Harvard (11-12) outstayed on flat, 2nd, btn 2l, to Bally-Go (r 26lb) with Padaki (r 24lb) 2l away 3rd. Doncaster, Jan 30, 2½m, godd. Mr Moonraker, see Heighlin: earlier (10-0) won easily 7l, ½l from York Cottage (g 1lb) and The Tsarewich (g 8lb) with Hay Ride (lvl) 3½l 4th and Knighthood (g 3lb) 7l 6th, Walnut Wonder (g 2lb), Prince of Bermuda (g 7lb) and Ra Tapu (g 8lb) not in first 9. 15 ran. Newbury, Jan 2, 2m 100y, heavy. Apple Wine (12-0) stayed on 2nd, btn 2½l, to Comerce (r 31lb) with Franciscus (r 12lb) led long way ½l away 3rd. High Old Time (r 4lb) 8th. 14 ran. Doncaster, Jan 29, 2m 150y, good. Holemoor Star (10-9) won easy 3l, 3l from Franciscus (g 4lb) tried to make all and Walnut Wonder (g 8lb) stayed on. High Old Time (g 12lb) 5th, btn further 7½l. 13 ran. Kempton, Feb 6, 2m good to soft.

ECKBALCO may win from Homeson and Badsworth Boy. Dellersbeck looks the best long shot.

3.10 COMPTON CHASE (£5,960: 3m) (3)

402 3400-1 DIAMOND EDGE (CD) (S Loughridge) F Walwyn 11-11-5 ... W Smith
405 1320-10 ROYAL JUDGEMENT (CD) (Lady Rootes) J Gifford 9-11-5 ... R Rowe
406 411-113 STRAIGHT JOCELYN (D) (D Jackson) R Armytage 10-11-5 ... H Davies

4-7 Diamond Edge, 3 Straight Jocelyn, 4 Royal Judgement.

3.40 CHARLES HIGGINS CHASE (Hunters: £1,253: 2½m) (10)

501 01300p ALL BRIGHT (D) (G Roe) Mrs R Lomax 10-12-7 ... G Roe 7
502 4p3204/ CALA LLONGA (D) (W Hamer) W Hamer 11-12-7 ... —
503 b3101-1 DANCING BRIG (C,D) (Mrs L Clay) T Clay 11-12-7 ... T Clay 7
504 p3101/- MIDNIGHT COURT (Mrs O Jackson) F Winter 11-12-7 ... O Sherwood
507 /1221-1 LORD DAWSON (D White) D White 8-12-2 ... Mrs Rosemary White 7
509 0000p0/ IRISH PAGEANT (Mrs B Rogers) Mrs B Rogers 8-11-11 ... —
510 KIANI (D Sieff) D Sieff 12-11-11 ... Miss D Yeomans 7
511 C00p/ KILLEENOGHTY (M Andrew) M Andrew 9-11-11 ... —
512 0300/b MOONSTONE PRINCE (Mrs M Trow) Mrs M Trow 8-11-11 ... D Trow 7
513 00 VULMENT (Mrs M Easton) Mrs M Easton 8-11-11 ... A Jones 7

4-6 Midnight Court, 11-4 Dancing Brig, 5 Lord Dawson, 8 Kiani, 20 others.

4.10 MINORS' HURDLE (Div. II: 4-y-o novices: £1,917 2m 100yd) (16)

601 013002 BESIEGED (B) (CD) (A Blane) P Cundell 11-9 ... H Davies
607 2001 THE THATCHER (H Joel) R Turnell 11-9 ... A Turnell
611 4134 CASHMOOR (Tedwood Ltd) R Baker 11-4 ... R Champion
612 0 CELTIC BEAUTY (D Cowland) D Elsworth 11-4 ... C Brown
613 00 DEWI SANT (Miss P Adams) B Palling 11-4 ... C Candy
615 0 FAIR AND FREE (G Brunton) Mrs R Lomax 11-4 ... S Keightley 4
616 FITZGAYLE (A Darlington) D Barons 11-4 ... W Smith
617 f GEARYS STEEL STOCK (A Cheverall) D Hanley 11-4 ... M O'Halloran
618 0 KALIFE (Mrs S Shally) C Mackenzie 11-4 ... P Leach
619 0 MOST FUN (W Sturt) J Old 11-4 ... Mr A J Wilson
620 NOON GUN (Ld Hartington) D Morley 11-4 ... P Scudamore
623 REALES (Mrs P Gee) D Elsworth 11-4 ... J Davies 7
624 0 SILVER RULER (Exors of late Mrs H Banks) M Banks 11-4 ... G McCourt
625 b000 SPARKLER CLEAR (Sparkler Filters) T Gosling 11-4 ... R Rowe
626 040 STANDON ROCK (R Whalley) P Kelleway 11-4 ... —
628 4003 WARILY (K Abdulla) F Smyth 11-4 ... R G Hughes

11-4 Besieged, 3 Cashmoor, 7-2 The Thatcher, 7 Warily, 8 Noon Gun, 10 Standon Rock, 16 others.

Newbury selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

1.30 Hiz. 2.0 Rathgorman. 2.40 Gaye Chance. 3.10 [illegible] Edge. 3.40 Midnight Court. 4.10 The Thatcher.

Catterick selections

By Michael Seely

1.15 Rosa Trout. 1.45 Shalotra. 2.15 Saint Jonathon. [illegible] Boy. 3.15 Honourable Man. 3.45 Master Piper. 4.15 Hotwave.

Ayr selections

By Michael Seely

1.30 Home Ground. 2.0 Raconteur. 2.30 Political Pop. 3.0 Even Melody. 3.30 Davidoff. 4.0 Duke's Gold.

Ayr programme

[Television (ITV) 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

1.30 FISHERTON HURDLE (Handicap. £1,682: 2m) (10 runners)

3 142-000 SNOW BLESSED (CD) (Healm Enterprises) R Johnson 5-11-7 ... R Barry
4 440000 CORKER (DS) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 6-11-6 ... R Lamb
6 1-40331 HOME GROUND (CDB) (J Ennis) M H Easterby 5-11-2 (4ex) ... Mr T Easterby
7 000030 HIGH HILLS (CDB) (3-D Trucks) T Craig 8-11-1 ... P Tuck
8 404-400 ALWAYS LINPAC (D) (Lin Pac Containers) W Elsey 6-10-13 ... A Flint
10 031332 PRESS GANG (D) (A Duncan) J S Wilson 7-10-11 ... A Stringer 4
12 2/2310- ARMPIT WATER (D) (Mrs G Dun) G Dun 11-10-10 ... Mr J Dun 7
13 124000 ESSEX (F Markland) D McCain 7-10-1 ... R Earnshaw
14 100-C00 ANOTHER JOYFUL (J Dixon) J Dixon 7-10-0 ... J Goulding
15 100403 WITCHIN (D) (J Henderson) J Henderson 6-10-0 ... —

9-4 Press Gang, 7-2 Home Ground, 5 High Hills, 7 Corker, 8 Always Linpac, 10 Armpit Water, 12 Snow Blessed, 14 Witchin, 16 others.

2.00 LADBROKE BETCHA HURDLE (novices handicap: £1,922: 2m) (7)

1 21810 RACONTEUR (D) (R Robbins) M H Easterby 5-11-10 ... Mr T Easterby
4 0-0r01 MANHATTAN ISLAND (J Balough) M Naughton 7-11-5 ... R Earnshaw
6 100 RYE MOSS (D) J Murdoch) J FitzGerald 5-11-5 ... P Tuck
11 00/30 STARLIGHT ROCKY (Mrs Z Green) Miss Z Green 6-11-1 ... Mr L Hudson 4
12 20-134 MY UNCLE SAM (R Reynolds) J Kettlewell 6-11-0 ... S Kettlewell 7
16 c/0-30 MISS DIAWARD (Mrs H Bielby) 5-10-6 ... G Holmes
17 1000p FOLKLAW (D) (J Wilson) T Barnes 4-10-4 ... D Johnston 7

5-2 Raconteur, 3 Manhattan Island, 4 My Uncle Sam, 8 Miss Diaward, 8 Rye Moss, 10 Folklaw, 12 Starlight Rocky

2.30 ELK CHASE (Handicap: £4,471: 3m 110yds) (7)

1 101001 ROYAL DIPPER (E Daly) J Fowler (Ire) 7-11-10 ... Mr J Fowler
2 f1/0up- FIGHTING FIT (C,D) (Mrs L Carr) K Oliver 10-11-7 ... Mr T Dun
4 113-221 POLITICAL POP (D) (Mrs A Starkie) M Dickinson 8-11-0 ... R Earnshaw
5 11-323 LITTLE BAY (C) (Mrs S Catherwood) G Richards 7-10-7 ... R Barry
7 0232/p0 WAGGER (P Piller) W A Stephenson 12-10-7 ... R Lamb
8 2401Cu SKEGBY (Bowie Jean Clothing) O Brennan 8-10-7 ... M Brennan 7
9 0-p00p0 BALLOWAY (N Ramsay) W Fairgrieve 10-10-7 ... J Goulding

Evens Political Pop, 5-2 Royal Dipper, 11-2 Little Bay, 10 Fighting Fit, 14 Skegby, 20 others.

3.00 VULMIDAS TROPHY CHASE (Handicap. £1,926. 2m) (6)

1 a11004 BANNOW BREEZE (D) (J Burke) M Naughton 10-11-10 ... R Earnshaw
2 040412 WHY SO (CD) (F Sunderland) G Richards 9-11-10 (6 ex) ... R Barry
3 20f240 STARLIGHT LAD (D) (R Bethell) R Bethell 8-11-5 ... P Tuck
4 0-f1030 POLARS SMARTIE (CD) (R Goldie) R Goldie 11-11-10 ... R Lamb
5 303221 EVEN MELODY (CD) (S Green) N Crump 10-10-12 (4 ex) ... Mr T G Dun
8 10p440 LORD MELBOURNE (A Bell) J S Wilson 9-10-0 ... A Stringer

7-4 Even Melody, 5-2 Bannow Breeze, 4 Polars Smartie, 5 Starlight Lad, 10 Lord Melbourne

3.30 CARWINSHOCH CHASE (Novices: £1,514: 2m) (9)

1 pfp0/4- ARCHITRADE (P Monteith) P Monteith 8-11-2 ... D Nolan
2 224-Cc3 AUTUMN GLOW (B) (G Richards) G Richards 9-11-2 ... Mr K Darby
3 0p/p-30 COOL SILOAM (R McDonald) R McDonald 10-11-2 ... B Holohan 7
4 00/11-3 DAVIDOFF (Mrs D Bewley) M H Easterby 6-11-2 ... Mr T Easterby
5 000-0 IMPERIAL BLACK (T Webster) D McCain 6-11-2 ... R Barry
6 11000-1 KINDRED (L Brealey) Miss S Hall 6-11-2 ... G Holmes
7 p04-C40 KINGS FORT (R Hamer) D McCain 6-11-2 ... R Earnshaw
10 02-0000 SPARTAN RED (H McConnell) H McConnell 12-11-2 ... Mrs A Farrell
11 pp4p-00 WILTON'S FIRST (Bowie Jean Clothing) O Brennan 10-11-2 ... M Brennan 7

5-4 Davidoff, 5-2 Autumn Glow, 5 Kindred, 6 Architrade, 10 Cool Siloam, 16 others.

4.0 EGLINTON HURDLE (Amateurs: maidens: £809: 2¾m) (16)

1 20000/p BILLIE BURN (Mrs W Tullie) 6-12-7 ... J M Dun 7
2 0 BIRTLEY BOY Mrs J Gledson) Mrs J Gledson 6-12-7 ... H Thompson 7
3 00 CANNY DANNY (P Norton) J FitzGerald 6-12-7 ... H Biscoe 7
4 00-0 CHANTILLY J Lawson) M H Easterby 6-12-7 ... T Easterby
5 30/03-0 DAZE (J Greaves) J Greaves 9-12-7 ... S Greaves 7
6 00 GOLDENOGAN (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 7-12-7 ... P Hughes 7
7 002203 IMPERIAL AMBER (Mrs M Corrie) M Naughton 6-12-7 ... T G Dun
10 024030- PARK LASS (Mrs P Rigby) Mrs P Rigby 9-12-7 ... Mrs P Rigby 7
11 004040 SPIDER PEARL (J Hurst) J Hurst 7-12-7 ... W Hurst 7
12 SPRING NOTE J Storey) J Storey 11-12-7 ... C Storey 7
14 0 TOWNHEAD FLASH (A Bell) A Bell 6-12-7 ... G Bell
15 00-0000 VICTORY HORN (J Dixon) J Dixon 6-12-7 ... L Hudson 7
16 0Cp-0 VULTOP (Miss Z Green) Miss Z Green 7-12-7 ... M Todhunter 7
17 00 DEN BEANZ (W Craib P Stead) K Oliver 5-12-5 ... J Walton
18 0a02 DUKES GOLD (D Rimmer) 5-12-5 ... K Darby 7
21 000 HA'PENNY NAP (I Clements) C Bell 4-11-5 ... R Shiels 7

9-4 Dukes Gold, 3 Imperial Amber, 4 Canny Danny, 5 Park Lass, 6 Chantilly, 10 Den Beanz, 16 others.

Catterick Bridge card

[Television (ITV): 1.45 2.15 and 2.45 races]

1.15 BROUGH HURDLE (Div. 1: novices: £828: 2m) (20 runners)

1 0040 ROSA TROUT (D) Blundell 5-11-8 ... —
2 000-p AMBERWELL Bevan 6-11-3 ... Coogan
3 40 BLINDER Whitaker 7-11-3 ... A McGlynn
4 00 BREAMISH BELLE R Cross 10-11-3 ... S Charlton
5 0004 CARAVAN CENTRE R Barr 10-11-3 ... Miss S Williamson
8 0-400 COVETTE Fitzgerald 6-11-3 ... P Charlton
11 /u-00 ROBA'S FOLLY Miss L Siddall 9-11-3 ... Pimlott
13 WASHINGTON GAL Haseltine 11-11-3 ... Mr D Kinsella
14 BRIDGE OF ISLA Crawford 5-11-1 ... S O'Neill
16 p MADAME DE LUCE Bevan 5-11-1 ... —
17 0000 NELLIES PAL Lamb 5-11-1 ... S Grant 4
19 0000 BUT BEAUTIFUL (B) Pinkham 4-10-0 ... D Lancaster 4
20 BY THE LAKE R Johnson 4-10-0 ... D McCaskill 4
21 004 CAPE FAREWELL Ellerby ... M Pepper 7
23 0us COTTAGE STAR P Haley 4-10-0 ... Wilkinson
24 000 FLYING SHUTTLE R Fisher 4-10-0 ... Dickman
25 00 HARLEW A W Jones 4-10-0 ... T Wall 4
26 u0 LUCKY TINA Jeffrey 4-10-0 ... —
27 004 MALSEEDY R Stubbs 4-10-0 ... D Hawes
28 p0 MIDRIDGE DRIFT Lambert 4-10-0 ... D Dutton

3 Rosa Trout, 4 Covette, 6 Cape Farewell, 7 Flying Shuttle, Harlew, 10 Blinder, 12 Caravan Centre, Malseedy, 16 others.

1.45 DAILY MIRROR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' CHAMPIONSHIP HURDLE (Round 5: handicap: £1,805. 2m) (15)

1 -2200 FOR GOOD (D) Crump 5-11-10 ... J Brady 3
2 0010 TUDOR FOLLY (D) W A Stephenson 6-11-10 ... T Davies
3 1041 COMERCE (CD) R Barr 7-11-9 (5 ex) ... M Pepper 3
5 2-000 B AND K EMPEROR (D) M W Easterby 5-11-5 ... I Grant 7
7 1000 MR SNOW (CD,B) W A Stephenson 7-11-4 ... K Jones 7
10 10u-0 SUMMARY M H Easterby 5-11-1 ... D Dutton
11 00p0 SAUNA TIME (CD) A W Jones 6-11-0 ... T Wall 3
12 0302 SHALOTRA (D) Craig 6-10-11 ... J Harris
14 0422- RABEIGS Cuthbert 7-10-10 ... A MacWilliams 5
16 0120 GARTH BOY (CD) Jefferson 6-10-7 ... P Caldwell 5
18 3100 REJUVENATOR (D) Barron 6-10-7 ... R Campbell
19 0-120 SPECTINA (D) Storey 6-10-7 ... K Teelan 5
20 3-00p TIDY WORK (D) Storey 7-10-7 ... G Gray 3
22 2040 CARAT GOLD (CD) Lamb 6-10-7 ... M Gates 5
23 p003/ STOKE ST MARY (D) Miss J Atkinson 7-10-7 ... M Silk 7

9-2 Comerce, 5 Summary, Shalotra, 7 Tudor Folly, 8 For Good, 10 B and K Emperor, Mr Snow, 12 Garth Boy, 14 Spectina, Rejuvenator, 16 others.

2.15 PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE (5-y-o: £1,704: 2m) (8)

1 00 ABU TORKEY Blundell 11-0 ... D Dutton 4
3 4 COOL DECISION Miss S Hall 11-0 ... Pimlott
4 DOCTOR WOOLLEY Pinkham 11-0 ... D Lancaster 4
6 3000 MARK EDELSON Jefferson 11-0 ... P Caldwell 7
7 0324- MISS APOLLO Cuthbert 11-0 ... P Charlton
8 0000 NO EXCUSES Crump 11-0 ... Hawkins
10 0 PORTMADOC W A Stephenson 11-0 ... Mr E McIntyre 4
11 SAINT JONATHON M H Easterby 11-0 ... A Brown

11-10 Saint Jonathon, 9-4 Cool Decision, 7-2 Abu Torkey, 12 Mark Edelson, 16 others.

2.45 CATTERICK GRAND NATIONAL TRIAL CHASE: (handicap: £3,0007: 3½m) (8)

1 0-p22 MEGAN'S BOY E Carter 9-11-7 ... P Charlton
3 00-00 CABAR FEIDH (B) Calver 10-10-11 ... C Tinkler
4 11/p- THE FENCER W A Stephenson 10-10-10 ... M Gates 7
5 3112 CLEVER GENERAL (CD) Crump 11-10-9 ... Hawkins
6 0-0pp JER Bevan 11-10-8 ... T Wall 4
9 1-042 SOLO SAM (C) Brewis 10-10-0 ... Pimlott
10 fp41 HALLO DANDY (CD) G Richards 8-10-0 ... D Dutton 4
12 0010 MISTY RASCAL Crawford 7-10-0 ... S O'Neill

7-2 Megan's Boy, Hallo Dandy, 5 Clever General, 6 Solo Sam, 7 Misty Rascal, 8 Cabar Feidh, 14 Jer, 16 The Fencer.

3.15 NORTHERN CHASE (Hunters: £826: 3m 300yds))12)

1 f111- COMPTON LAD M W Dickinson 9-12-7 ... D Browne 4
2 2p-00 HONOURABLE MAN Mrs P Russell 9-12-7 ... A Fowler 4
4 p0-3 CALDWELL CASE Swiers 7-12-0 ... S Swiers 7
5 0u/0- KIRKSTYLE Cramsie 12-12-0 ... Col A Cramsie 7
6 00/4- KIRWAUGH P Williams 14-12-0 ... T Walford 7
7 0- LANDING R Bean 7-12-0 ... Miss R Spear 7
8 MONEY GENIUS W Clarke 12-12-0 ... H Clarke 7
9 /000- MOUNTAIN LAD J Cooper 10-12-0 ... J Peckitt 7
10 0p/ PIKEY Miss J Thompson 11-12-0 ... D Kinsella
13 /0u-1 SILVER VALLEY Miss M Watson 9-12-0 ... Miss M Watson 7
14 40- UNDERCLIFFE (B) Mrs J Simpson 13-12-0 ... Miss K Simpson 7
15 130/ VAT MAN Galbraith 8-12-0 ... Miss C MacMillan 7

8-13 Compton Lad, 11-8 Honourable Man, 12 Mountain Lad, 20 others.

3.45 SCORTON CHASE (novices: £1,351: 2m) (16)

1 421-1 CHEBBIE (D) A Smith 9-11-9 ... Dickman
2 1130 LINATEA (D) Curtis 7-1-9 ... D Wilkinson
3 f-2p1 MISTER KETCHUP (C,D) Calver 7-11-9 ... C Tinkler
4 2013 ONAPROMISE (C,D) Denys Smith 6-11-9 ... —
5 2uf SHOW ROSE Crump 7-11-9 ... Hawkins
6 0020 ABERSING D Todd 7-11-2 ... Mr D Williams 4
8 p44f BOX OF TRICKS Metcalfe 7-11-2 ... Pimlott
14 0-000 IRISH PRINCE A Watson 9-11-2 ... J Brady 7
16 000 LEATHER PANTS (B) Haley 8-11-2 ... A Brown
19 024f MASTER PIPER Jefferson 6-11-2 ... P Caldwell 7
22 pf04 PATNUM R Allan 8-11-2 ... S Charlton
23 4-000 PENSCYNOR Lambert 6-11-2 ... D Dutton 4
24 0003 SANDICLIFFE V Thompson 7-11-2 ... Mr M Thompson 7
25 /p00 SENSING (B) Naughton 6-11-2 ... Allen
26 00-0 ZANNY ZEST Miss J Atkinson 6-11-2 ... Kelly
28 0C0u OFFLEYROCK R Fisher 5-10-7 ... D McCaskill 4

7-2 Chebbie, 4 Onapromise, 5 Show Rose, Mister Ketchup, 8 Linatea, Master Piper, 10 Abersing, 14 Penscynor, 16 others

4.15 BROUGH HURDLE (Div. II: novices: £805: 2m) (19)

3 -ff2 CUENCA Woodhouse 7-11-3 ... A Brown
4 ODIC Wright 7-11-3 ... Miss J Wright
5 0040 SILKEN SAND Waggott 6-11-3 ... Mr N Waggott 7
6 0 SUSIE LYNAM R Johnson 7-11-3 ... D McCaskill 4
7 rp0p- TANLAW Lamb 6-11-3 ... S Grant 4
10 BANFF SPRINGS Miss L Siddall 5-11-1 ... C Bell 7
11 u402 MICHAELMAS DAISY J Wilson 5-11-1 ... Mr D Browne 4
13 0 WOODLAND PATH Fairhurst 5-11-1 ... Fairhurst
14 AMSAM A Smith 4-10-0 ... Dickman
15 u CORNADORA Jewett 4-10-0 ... T Davies 4
17 002 HARDWICK SUN Jefferson 4-10-0 ... P Caldwell 7
18 03 HOTWAVE miss S Hall 4-10-0 ... Pimlott
19 00 MISS COMMUNE R Gray 4-10-0 ... S Charlton
20 p0 MISS NINIAN (B) Pinkham 4-10-0 ... D Lancaster 4
21 4000 POLIPUTER Harman 4-10-0 ... P Charlton
22 0u SAINT ROSE Jordon 4-10-0 ... Allen
23 00 THAT'S MAGIC J Parkes 4-10-0 ... M Pepper 7
24 0 THREE SWALLOWS Stone 4-10-0 ... C Tinkler
25 VAGUELY FAIR Denys Smith 4-10-0 ... S O Neill

11-8 Hotwave, 7-2 Hardwick Sun, Three Swallows, 5 Michaelmas Daisy, 8 Cuenca, 12 others.

Newbury results

Going: Good to soft

1.30 (1.32) ALDERMASTON CHASE (Novices: £2,172: 2m 160yd)

CLASSIFIED, b g, by So Blessed — Crag Boy (G Rogers) 6-11-3 S Smith-Eccles (6-1) 1
Acarine ... G McCourt (8-1) 2
Leckle ... A Webber (6-1) 3

TOTE: Win, 77p; places, 23p, 35p, 14p. Dual F: £2.33. CSF: £5.61. N Henderson, at Lambourn. 6l, 2½l. Combs Ditch 11-4 fav. Roseless Shot (8-1) 4th. 16 ran.

2.0 (2.2) THATCHAM CHASE (Handicap. £2,590: 2½m)

MANTON CASTLE, b g, by Precipice Wood — Beige Etoile (R Poslin) 8-11-4 R Rowe (5-2 fav) 1
Tiepolino ... H Davies (10-1) 2
Mid Day Gun ... A Webber (4-1) 3

TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 19p, 17p, 20p. Dual F: 93p. CSF: £2.89. J Gifford, at Findon. 2½l, 3l. Tristram Shandy (16-1) 4th. 9 ran. NR: Rathconrath.

2.30 (2.31) STROUD GREEN HURDLE (4-y-o: £4,821: 2m 100yd)

LULAV, br g by Prince Regent — Scarletta (G Gaventa) 11-0 P Scudamore (9-2) 1
Morice ... Steve Knight (15-2) 2
Dr Steve ... J Francome (15-2) 3

TOTE: Win, 53p; places, 18p, 15p, 29p. Dual F: £2.80. CSF: £3.80. D Nicholson, at Stow-in-the-Wold. 8l, 2l. Krug (11-4 fav) 4th. 8 ran.

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ROLLER-COASTER, b g by Captain's Gig — Castaway Katie (Mrs M Lewis) 9-11-3 J Francome (5-2 fav) 1
Glen Berg ... K Mooney (7-2) 2
Henry Bishop ... R Rowe (5-1) 3

TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 23p, 25p. Dual F: 55p. CSF: £1.17. F Winter, at Lambourn. 8l, 2l. Lewis Homes (11-2) 4th. 7 ran.

3.30 (3.33) HAIG WHISKY HURDLE (Qualifier: Novices: £1,614: 2m 100yd)

RIZZIO, b g, by Rugantino — Court Circle (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan) 7-11-10 P Scudamore (4-1) 1
Charley Fisher ... Mr N Babbage (16-1) 2
Musso ... J Francome (5-4 fav) 3

TOTE: Win, 69p; places, 22p, 44p, 11p. Dual F: £7.63. CSF: £7.28. D Nicholson, at Stow-on-the-Wold. Nk, ¾l. Ro's Owen (7-1) 4th.

4.0 (4.4) CRICKDALE HURDLE (Handicap: £3,086: 2½m 120yd)

EVERETT, b g, by Carlburg — Smart Money (K Hennessy) 7-10-7 R Chapman (7-2 fav) 1
Captain John ... P Scudamore (14-1) 2
Toulouse ... P Hobbs (8-1) 3

TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 13p, 39p, 48p, 26p. Dual F: £1.80. CSF: £5.87. Tricast: £36.15. F Walwyn, at Lambourn. 2l, 12l. Lex (13-2) 4th. 19 ran. NR: Lady Martha.

Tote Double: Lulav and Rizzio, £21.00. Treble: Manton Castle, Roller-Coaster and Everett. £12.30.

Ayr

1.15 (1.16) LAGG HURDLE (Div I. Novices £895: 2m)

YOUNG DRIVER, b g, by Linerre — Pape (J Russell Ltd) 5-11-1 A Stringer (9-2) 1
Tudorville ... C Tinkler (2-1 fav) 2
Vinnys Pet ... D Johnston (10-1) 3

TOTE: Win, £4.35; places, 22p, 17p, 18p. Dual F: £11.28. CSF: £1.77. J Wilson, at Motherwell. ¾l, 2½l. Mr Rafferty (6-1) 4th. 12 ran.

1.45 (1.46) OLD TOLL HURDLE (Handicap: £967: 2½m)

KIBCOY, b g, by Kibonka — Coya (W Stephenson) 5-10-0 K Sims (6-1) 1
Nodans ... E Brand (5-2 fav) 2
Lady Lakeland ... J Hanson (16-1) 3

TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 13p, 49p, 36p. Dual F: 50p. CSF: £2.27. C Bell, at Hawick. 5l, 7l. Artsum (10-1) 4th. 10 ran.

2.15 (2.16) ADAMHILL CUP CHASE (Hunters £814: 3m 110yd)

EARLS BRIG, br g, by New Brig — Naughty Tara (W Hamilton) 7-12-0 Mr P Craggs (10-11 fav) 1
Caherty ... Mr T Reed (25-1) 2
Castleburgh ... Mr C Storey (15-2) 3

TOTE: Win, 17p; places, 30p, 60p. Dual F: £5.00. CSF: £2.48. W Hamilton, at Hawick. 20l, 8l. New Formula (6-4) 4th. 6 ran.

2.45 (2.48) LAGG HURDLE (Div II Novice: £693: 2m)

GEORDIE LAD, b g, by Track Spare — Silesca (R Baker) 4-10-7 A Stringer (7-4 fav) 1
Headmere ... C Hawkins (9-4) 2
Young Ash Linn ... B Holhan (6-1) 3

TOTE: Win, 54p. Dual F: 17p. CSF: 56p. Denys Smith, at Bishop Auckland. ¾l, 3l. Greenbank Park (3-1) 4th. 5 ran.

3.15 (3.15) HAMILTON-CAMPBELL CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (Handicap: £1,991: 2½m)

LORD PROVOST, br g, by Privy Seal — Derreck's Pet (Miss H Hamilton) 8-10-0 R Lamb (14-1) 1
Polars Laddie ... A Dickman (8-1) 2
Coffee Boy ... D Goulding (13-8 jt fav) 3

TOTE: Win, £5.80; places, 77p, 18p. Dual F: £7.28. CSF: £12.08. Miss H Hamilton, at Innerleithen. 2½l, 1½l. My Buck 13-8 jt fav. Arpal Glider (11-2) 4th. 7 ran.

3.45 (3.46) MARCHBURN CHASE Novice: £1,822: 3m 110yds)

BLUE REGF b g by Bluerory — In Shore (E Collingwood-Cameron) 7-11-12 R Lamb (11-2) 1
Ronan Paul ... R Shiels (20-1) 2
Honathan's Choice ... Mr D Robertson (20-1) 3

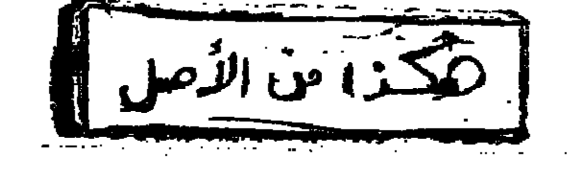
TOTE: Win, 53p; places, 40p, 11p, 17p. Dual F: 88p. CSF: £10.59. W. A. Stephenson, at Bishop Auckland. 10l, 8l. Dongil 4-5 fav. only three finished. 8 ran. NR: Twice Times

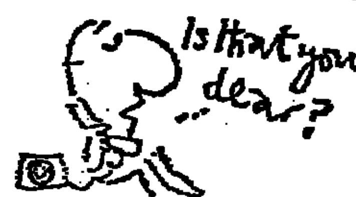
4.15 (4.17) LAGG HURDLE DIV III Novice £647. 2m)

SUPER SOLE ch g by Sole Mio — Fairy Slipper (A Davidson Ltd) 6-11-12 R Barry (11-2) 1
Rennebo ... G Bradley (7-1) 2
Ryecraft ... C Hawkins (8-13 fav) 3

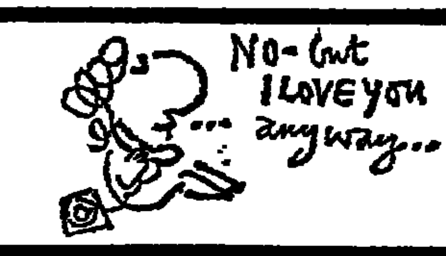
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 11p, 12p, 10p. Dual F: 30p. CSF: £4.56. G. Richards, at Greystoke. 7l, 4l. Melody Moon (6-1) 4th.

PLACEPOT: £686.80 to 50p. Pool of £602.81 carried forward to Ayr today.





Valentine's Day Messages



J.A.S. My Valentine for ever.—D.F.C.S.
THOUGH we may be planets apart, you will always be my golden lady of the floating world.
MARGRIT my dear one: the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land. The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell. Arise my love, my fair one and come away. D.
ROSES are red. Boys are in blue. P.C. 178, I love you.
THERE'S many a man walking the streets of London who hasn't the luck to play bridge with my valentine.
YOU-FAN: " Wer sie erkannt, der darf sie nicht entbehren." Y.-S. XX.
POB—Despite everything remember to go hang yourself—shaggy & Cuddles.
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DARLING ONE. Feel like a March Hare in February? Nearly Bluebell Time! All my love. Cerne Giant.
FIONA, Anna, Jill, Sarah, Virgi, Fay et al on floor 11. My heart belongs to you. Love John.
STICK-INSECT. I will love you forever and ever. Love and kisses. Your Puddleduck.
FLOSSIE BEAR, oodles of love, summer's coming. Bugsy.
CASTLE CARY.—Bepton, Coniston, Chingford, nice memories many more to come. I love you.—The Lodger.
QUACKERS.—Whon's the next tri-annual.—Love, Scarborough Lil.
JUDO THE DOG—We love you.—Colonel Fairfax, Tigger and A.
POUR si much sherry ooil ouvre ou vers moucho. Ton Vieux Renard.

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I LOVE YOU
MARRY ME
FROGLET, I have a vision of you, locked inside my head. Let me die in your arms so the vision may never shatter.—S.
M.C.—Bo my valentine. Love and kisses. F.L.A.S.H. 10. Loving.—Pratt.
LADY JANE, someone loves you, but can't tell anyone but The Times. Speedy Duck.
HAPPINESS is having a Piglover like you. Much love from a Pampered Pig.
" MARIE. L. I love you. I hope you will be happy from now on, all my love, from your Duncan."

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GERALDINE. Practise your art. I'm t-t-t-tongue-t-t-tied. Valentine—start!—Keith.
LESLEY—Those quiet moments make my day, just to sit with you, and drift away. xxx.
FOR SURE their well matched souls are paired above. D.B.
XJB. " The scent of the conifers sound of a bath." What memories! 16 Hogs & Kisses. All my love forever. JCA.
GABBY, the Kiwi on the hill. You are my blonde jade blossom and I love you and miss you very much.—Your London Lover.
PLUTEUS amoris adhuc vacuus erat. Te ingressa plenus semper erit—post hebdomade. Simoné.
MRS MATTINSON loves Mr Mattinson? Shirley you can't be serious!
SUZANNE: 'Here's to our first Valentine's Day together. With all my love. Guess who Sxx.
MARION.—Who needs you for happiness and loves you? Sweet Valentine. I think you Ken.
TO RCHW.—A much maligned girl who can count on me to love her always.—JSA.
HAPPY Valentine's Day Karen.: I love you more each day.—Guess who?
SMALL NOODLE, a little ginger, three men and lots of happiness make my only love.
FRANCES.—Wenn du nur einmal ja sagen wurdest.—Malcolm.
ROSES RED, our love blue, to Denise lots of kisses. I love you darling true.
JAN DATE, I love you still.
SURPRISE! Surprise! Mr Doormouse loves Mrs Doormouse.

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A KISS, A HUG and a squeeze is all I ask. We both love you in the best world Daddy.—Superwoman, Superman, Archie
LALA.—I wander'd lonely as a cloud, that floats on high o'er vales and hills.—All love, Will.
LORRAINE: Love is friendship set to music. Lots & lots. . .
ALAUN. Y.F.T.L.W.I.G. Love Mit.
DARLING DI. Thank you for being you and bringing me so much joy during the last year. Adoringly, Tony.
J.G. Dare you to share a real sensation, lets link by-lines and write a happy headline together. Love Nina.
DARLIN CARLA. Heaven is living inside your love and feeling you scratch my back. Need to squeeze you and dream with you forever, love you. Marek (and Percy).
TO JAN. "And all my fortunes at thy foot I'll lay and follow thee my lady throughout the world." Love A.
ODYSSIA: Odyssia is a myth and right it is, for your about to make history by marrying me. Love, Me. X.
TO KITTEN. You look to me like misty roses, too soft to touch, but too lovely to leave alone. You look and feel and taste to me like love forever. All my love and hugs. Tiger."
LADY FRANCES. England and I both miss you, be our Valentine. Toad.
DARLING CLARE. I look forward to a joyous eternity of scrambled eggs and burnt toast. All my love, always. Jonapoff.
KAY. Ex-nurse in Barbican flat horror! Can you cope—or will I have to cart her off down the lane?
TINA. Looking forward very much to tonight. A very happy Valentine's Day, with all my love. Tom.
PUSSYCAT. I love you! It's in The Times so it must be true. Signed Tomcat of Tickleypaw Mansions, WR2 5AG.
HEATHER.—Tell me. If she were not design'd Th' eclipse and glory of her kind?
SILLY OLD FOOL—Loves the stupid young Fran. You are as frantastic as ever. DAR.
BIG CAT.—Love you always and in every way—J. small dog.
JOY POY.—The journey's ahoy. On my Love you can bet. So do not fret on the jet! .
POO.—Love is a well-worn worry bead. Roo Solidarity. Twice Mice and Black Chap.
LPMB.—Not even the price of a Times Valentine can stop me saying I Love You. DFB.
PALINDROMIC—Date 2891982. So well balanced. I love you.
HILARY, my dear, how I love and revere you. M, 14 Feb. 1982.
MY WOO: Nunc scio qud sit amor egote amo: Your Gerogafoog.
URSA MAJOR. Emma, Rosemary, Smokey and Gink say will you be theirs too? Love P.
THROUGH THE WIND, through the rain, through the snow, Jacky Arthur is cool.
CLARE, I send you all my passionate love, hugs and kisses for Valentine's Day.
LUV TO GAMMY, flabby mummy from Dad, Fran, Humbug, KM, Miranda, Flump and Truff,

PAULINE D.—My love always, yesterday, today, tomorrow.—Love, Barrie.
GLENYS.—Love makes me happy. I hope you are happy too. Happy anniversary.—Roger xx.
MARGARET. Wigan posh or Standish pleb, my heart is yours forever.—Taffy.
DORMOUSE.—Please understand what I have to do. I love you. Fullstop.—M.
THROUGH the winds of time, my love for my English rose will always stand firm.
TO A SNEESP.—I love ewe my baahling. From another Sneesp. Baaaaaaaah, baaaaaaah.
DEAREST SUZANNE, won't you be my Valentine? Lovingly, Jerry.
CORINNA, you are so lucky, but then again, so am I.—With love.
ALROIGHT MOIE LOVER! Appy Valentine's Day. I love you totally.—Tom.
FROM ONE BAD PENNY to another.
CAROLE, at work you're third, to me you're first. Be my Valentine.
TO Mumcat, Dad, Michele, Steve: My gerbil has many sweets. Je vous aime.—NV.
MRS MISTLETOE, I love you. Thank you for a wonderful year. Mr Mistoffelees.
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PERSONAL COLUMNS

". . . For every one that asketh receiveth: and he that seeketh findeth: and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."—St. Matthew 7: 8.

BIRTHS

CHAMPAGNE.—On 11th February, in The Hague, to Diana (née Marrable) and Paul—a daughter (Caroline Louise).

PEASE.—On February 11th, in Paris, to Mary and Jonathan—a daughter.

GARNER.—On February 1st, to Ann (née Deacon) and Peter—a daughter (Rebecca Morrell).

WHITELAW.—On February 12th, at Greenwich District Hospital, London, to Virginia (née James) and Simon—a daughter (Alexandra Mary Eleanor), a sister for Francesca.

WETHERED.—On February 10th at Pembury Hospital, Kent, to Colleen (née Ruane) and Thomas Wethered, a son Edmund Thomas Owen.

WESTMORE.—On February 2nd 1982, at Royal Sussex Hospital, Brighton, to Kristine (née Clarkson) and Richard—a daughter (Victoria Jillian Kristine).

MARRIAGES

ROBINSON : McCREERY on Monday the 25th of January, 1982, in London, Peter Robinson to Rosemary McCreery.

ROSENTHAL : MACHEN.—On the 12th of February, at Macclesfield Registry Office, Diane Elizabeth Machen to Dr Mark Rosenthal.

DEATHS

ASHLEY HALL. — On February 11th, peacefully, Richard, dear husband of Margaret, Late of Chew Court, Chew Magna and Herons Green, Compton Martin, Bristol. At his request his body has been given for medical research. Memorial Service to be arranged later.

CURRIES, Esmé Marjorie, on February 10th, suddenly at St. Annes House, Ditchingham, Norfolk. Most dear and precious to all her family and friends. Cremation at St. Faiths, Norwich, Tuesday, February 16th at 1.30 p.m. Family flowers only! Donations for cancer research to: Messrs Cossey Funeral Directors, Bungay, Suffolk.

DUNLOP.—On February 9, peacefully at Chichester, Enid Isabelle Mary Dunlop, M.B.E., beloved wife of the late Canon Norman Dunlop, and mother of Douglas. Funeral Thursday, February 18, at St. Mary's Church, Funtington, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to Edward White and Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester, telephone 782 156 or, if preferred, donations to the Friends of St. Richard's Hospital.

FAYERS, RON.—On 11th February, aged 59 years, at home Shelton Hall, near Newark, [illegible]

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greatly missed by his wife and family. Funeral Service Wednesday, February 17th, 11.30, at All Saints Church, Putney Common. Flowers only to the Church.

arranged later.

JACOBS.—On February 11th, 1982, in hospital at Chertsey, Surrey, Albert Robertson Eynesford (Robin), aged 81 years. Service at St Saviour's Church, Brookwood, on Wednesday, February 17th, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at St. John's Crematorium, Woking. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Friends of St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey. All inquiries to Woking Funeral Service, telephone Woking 61751.

JAGGARD, Albert J. On Tuesday, 9th February. For many years Head Porter of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, suddenly in the college. Funeral private. No flowers.

LOWE.—On February 11th, peacefully at home, Normie, much loved wife of the late Francis and mother of Peter, David and Simon. Service Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Tuesday, February 16th, at 2 pm. Cut flowers and all enquiries please to F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Rd, Littlehampton. 3430.

PASSMORE EDWARDS. On February 11th in hospital after a short illness, John Walter aged 81, much loved brother and uncle. Funeral at West London Crematorium on Tuesday, February 16th, at 12.30 p.m. All enquiries to E. A. Langley Ltd, 35 Chippenham Road, W9. Tel. 01-286 8718.

SAYER.—On 9th February, 1982, at Grenville Place Nursing Home, Blandford Forum, Dorset, Blanche Mary, aged 97 years, beloved wife of the late Brigadier A. P. Sayer, C.B., D.S.O., R.E., formerly widow of Captain D. S. Dodgson, R.A., and dearly loved mother of David. Much loved and sadly missed by her nieces and nephew. Funeral at Yeovil Crematorium, on Wednesday, 17th February, at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries to D. R. Cherrett, Funeral Director, 10 Market Place, Blandford Forum.

THOMAS.—On 11th February, 1982, peacefully at Swanage Hospital, Reginald Gordon, aged 70, dearly loved husband of Muriel. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Swanage, on Thursday, February 18th, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at Bournemouth. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, to Swanage Hospital, c/o James Smith Ltd., 68A King's Road, Swanage. Telephone 2445.

WARDLE. The Honourable Walter T. Archdeacon of Gloucester Canon Residentiary of Gloucester Cathedral, peacefully at his home on Friday, 12th February, 1982, at the age of 81 years. Archdeacon Wardle was the longest-serving archdeacon in England and died in office. After gaining his degree at Pembroke College, Oxford, he was ordained in 1926, first serving in the Winchester diocese before becoming S.P.G. Chaplain at Montana, later he was rector at Wolferton, W. Babingly, vicar of Great and Little Barrington, W. Taynton, vicar of Charlton Kings. The funeral service will take place on Friday, 19th February, 1982, at 11 a.m., in Gloucester Cathedral followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers to be sent to the Manager, Trustee Savings Bank, Barton St, Gloucester, for the Walter T. Wardle Memorial Fund for Charity.

WILSON.—On 11th February, 1982, suddenly, Wallace (Tug), of Formby, Lancashire and of Drugasar (U.K.) Ltd., the dearly loved husband of Mary, and devoted father of Patsy, beloved son of Clara, and dear nephew of Ida. Service at St. Ambrose Church, Pendleton, on Wednesday, 17th February, at 11 a.m., followed by interment. No flowers by request but donations to The British Diabetic Association, c/o Dean Bros, 76 Gores Lane, Formby. Telephone [illegible].

WRIGLEY. On February the 12th, at Debury Hall, Graves Arms, Shropshire, John Vincent Wrigley M.B.E., aged 80 years. Husband of Angela. Funeral private.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HERRING.—A service of thanksgiving for Rebecca, will be held at Bere Regis Parish Church, on Wednesday, 17th of February, at 2.30 p.m.

FUNERALS

ROBERTSON.—The service for Timothy Hugh Robertson MBRS, much loved husband of Fiona (née McMillan) will be held at Lewisham Crematorium, Verdant Lane, Hither Green, SE6, on Tuesday, 16th February at 3.30 p.m. Flowers and enquiries to Francis Campbell & Sons, 8 Dartmouth Road, SE23. Tel: 01-699 3045.

IN MEMORIAM

ELLIS, MAUD ALEXANDRINA. Mother and beloved friend of Vivian and Hermione. February 13th, 1961.

WILLIAMS, RONALD RALPH — Bishop of Leicester 1953-1978, who died on February 13th, 1979. "Amantimus, Amamus, Amabimus".—HM.

[illegible]—Happy memories of our darling Sara from her family.

RICHARDS: Carlie. Dulce ridenten [illegible] amabo. Dick.

[illegible], J N G, Colonel, OBE. In ever loving memory of my darling husband and beloved father of Cecily. God knows how greatly we miss you, the one we love so much. 13th February 1974.

[illegible]LEY, MARCUS. Died 14th February 1977. Remembered with Love.

[illegible]EL, GERARD. — 5.1.1900-13.2. Dearly loved and sorely missed.—Mary.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

THE FAMILY of the Late Dr David R Lockhart wish to thank all friends and colleagues who attended the service at Cobham and for the many beautiful floral tributes and kind letters of sympathy sent to the family following their sad bereavement.

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Television and radio: Saturday and Sunday

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BBC 1

6.25 Open University: until 8.05, and then from 8—30 until 8.55; 9.05 Swim: Under-fives (r); 9.30 Swap Shop: the guests are Lulu and Richard Stilgoe; 12.12 Weather; 12.15 Grandstand: The line-up is: 12.20 Football Focus; 12.45 Ski-ing: The Men's Downhill, from Garmisch; 1.10 Boxing: Highlights from Royal Albert Hall fights earlier this week; 1.20 Racing from Newbury; 1.40 World Bobsleigh Championships: the Four-Man Bob, from St Moritz; 1.50 Racing from Newbury; 2.10 World Bobsleigh Championships; 2.30 Racing from Newbury (Schweppes Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle); 2.50 International Hockey: Rank Xerox Indoor Home International Championship; 3.00 Racing: Leopardstown and Newbury; 3.20 Hockey (continued); 3.45 Half-time scores.

3.55 Grandstand (continued): Rugby League. St Helens v Wigan in the State Express Challenge Cup (first round); 4.35 Final scores. And pools check.

5.45 The Circus World Championships: The 1981 finals, performed under the Big Top. The four categories: flying trapeze, Russian pole, foot juggling and super troupe.

6.45 Jim'll Fix It:The 12-year-old cattle auctioneer and the 14-year-old toastmaster at a Guildhall luncheon. Plus other wonders.

7.25 Nanny: Barbara (Wendy Craig) receives some astonishing news from her father (Colin Douglas).

8.15 The Les Dawson Show: With Lena Zavaroni and Kids International cockney comedian Darren Michael. Also young dancer Paul Charles and young pianist Vince Pope, seen in previous Dawson shows.

8.45 Dallas: More villainy from J.R. Ewing.

9.35 News: and sports round-up.

9.50 Match of the Day: Action from three matches in the fifth round of the FA Cup.

11.00 Parkinson: His guest is the Black American entertainer Ben Vereen.

12.00 Golden Soak: Thriller serial, episode 5. Water has been found for the thirsty cattle. But Alec's and Janet's happiness is not to last for long. With Bay Barrett, Elizabeth Alexander. Ends at 12.50. (r).



One of the Sarach Troupe: BBC 1, 5.45

BBC 2

7.40 Open University (ends 1.55). Subjects include Imagery and Imagism; Welfare and Politics; Health Choices; Mr Galileo was Correct; Paris — La Belle Epoque; and, A Question of Colour; 2.25 Film: Lisbon (1956) Thriller, directed by, and starring, Ray Milland. He plays the smuggler who is hired to free an American industrialist (Percy Marmont), held prisoner behind the Iron Curtain. Maureen O'Hara plays the captives wife. Also starring Claude Rains; 3.50 The Sky at Night: New light is thrown on Venus (r).

4.10 Film: A Man Alone (1955) Western, with Ray Milland as a gunman who kills a sheriff in self-defence and goes on the run. Directed by Milland.

5.45 International Bowls: Second semi-final of the Embassy World Indoor Championship.

6.45 Life in Care: Film about youngsters in care.

7.15 Newsand sports round-up.

7.35 Did You See...? TV programmes to be discussed are Airline, The Money Programme and Not the Nine O'Clock News. Interview with Channel 4 programme controller Paul Bonner.

8.15 Spain — A Return to the Battlefields (see choice).

9.05 Film International: Mirror (1974) Complex but eminently watchable film by Andrei Tarkovsky (the made Andrei Roublev, Solaris, Stalker). Largely autobiographical, it's a study of Tarkovsky's family life, viewed from four levels. Starring Innokenti Smoktunovsky, Margarita Terekhova and the director's mother L. Tarkovskaya. With sub-titles.

10.50 The Light of Experience: How his fathers death changed the life of Professor Charles Handy, son of a Dublin vicar.

11.05 News: with Jan Leeming.

11.10 Film: The Wicked Lady* (1945) Once notorious melodrama about a bored wife who becomes a highwaywoman. With Margaret Lockwood, James Mason, Patricia Roc, Michael Rennie and Griffith Jones. Ends at 12.55 am.

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8.35 Sesame Street: with The Muppets; 9.35 Space 1999: Space thriller series, with Martin Landau (r); 10.30 Tiswas: a noisy concoction for children and some parents; 12.15 World of Sport. The line-up is: 12.20 On the Ball; 12.45 World Cup Ski-ing: (Men's Downhill, from Garmisch) All eyes on Steve Podborski; 1.00 Women's Cricket: Australia v England in the third World Cup Final. From Christchurch, New Zealand; 1.15 News: 1.20 The ITV Six. We (from Ayr), the 1.30, 2.00 and 2.30, and (from Catterick), the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45; 3.00 Moto Cross: Unipart Winternational Rally, at Hadleigh, near Southend. 3.20 Tennis. Molson Tennis challenge final between John McEnroe and Ivan Lendl. 3.45 Half-time results.

4.00 World of Sport (continued). Wrestling: Includes the Heavyweight Eight-man Battle Royal. From Lincoln; 4.50 Results service.

5.05 News from ITN.

5.15 Happy Days: Fonzie is after the Teacher of the Year award.

5.45 Dick Turpin: The highwayman (Richard O'Sullivan) is trapped in a lady's bedroom.

6.15 The Goodies: Last of the series. A pet shop runs out of animals, so the three comics fundamentally change their life style.

6.45 3-2-1: Comedy quiz show, hosted by Ted Rogers. the theme is love. With Frankie Vaughan, Sheila Steafel and Patti Gold among the guests.

7.45 Hart to Hart: Thriller series starring Robert Wagner and Stefanie Powers. A bodyguard is murdered, putting a government witness's life in danger.

8.45 News from ITN.And sports round-up.

9.00 Film: Bite the Bullet (1975) Hard-riding western, directed by Richard Brooks. It's the story of a 700-mile endurance horse race, early in the present century. It's across vast areas of relentlessly hostile country in Colorado. The contestants include Gene Hackman, James Coburn, Candice Bergen, Ben Johnson, Jan-Michael Vincent, Ian Bannen and Mario Arteaga. Richard Brooks wrote the screenplay too.

11.20 OTT: The comedy and music show that goes up to — and beyond — the limits. It is, apparently, making new converts every week. A classic case of brainwashing?

12.20 News of London. The bulletin is followed by:
Johnny Carson's Tonight Show. This edition was seen in the US earlier in the week. There are two guests tonight, the British actress Lynn Redgrave, (sister of Vanessa), and the American comedian Tom Hanks.

1.00 Close: A song for St Valentine's week, sung by the Partridge brother and sister, Ian and Jennifer.

CHOICE

● SPAIN—A RETURN TO THE BATTLEFIELDS (BBC 2, 8.15 pm) is an account of the delayed commemoration of a defeat. A bunch of Britons who fought alongside the Republicans in the Spanish Civil War retrace their footsteps up the hills and through the orchards and towns (some of them still shattered) from which more than 500 of their comrades never returned. It was the anvil on which their political idealogy was shaped. "This was my university", says Sam Wild in tonight's film, standing amid the rosemary, mint and thyme of a field in Jarama. They have stirring and wry tales to tell, these unofficial warriors: of the wall newspaper on which, among items of military import, was the advertisement for Liverpool, "home of anti-fascists and beautiful women"; of the opera singer from the Met, turned soldier, who belted out an aria while, all around him, Belchite burned; of the improvised Soviet-style Park of Rest of Culture in a white-walled hut, lit by a candle that someone had stuck into a carboy ("like something from Heal's").

● THE WICKED LADY (BBC 2, 11.10 pm) must be taken for what it is—a museum piece that perfectly sums up both the period of British cinema from which it sprang (costumed escapism, Regency or Victorian style) and the outer limit of permisiveness that arbiters of moral standards in the 1940s thought the ticket-paying public might accept without descending on Westminster bearing banners saying "Keep Britain decent". Looking at The Wicked Lady through liberated 1982 eyes, you will not be able to believe that it was considered a naughty film in 1945 because of the amount of Margaret Lockwood's cleavage that it revealed.

● Radio highlights: A live transmission, from the London Coliseum, of THE FLYING DUTCHMAN (Radio 3, 8.00) with Norman Bailey in the title role and Josephine Barstow as Senta. Mark Elder conducts and, as it's an English National Opera production, it's practically tautologous to say that it's sung in English . . . BEYOND THE THRESHOLD (Radio 4, 10.15), June Knox-Mawer's feature about the Society for Psychical Research, overlaps the Wagner, but at least there's a chance to hear it again next Wednesday afternoon.



Sheila Steafel: ITV, 6.45

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast
6.30 News
6.32 Farming Today
6.50 Yours faithfully. Religious affairs
6.55 Weather and Programme News
7.00 News
7.10 Today's Papers
7.15 On your Farm
7.45 Yours faithfully
7.50 It's a Bargain
7.55 Weather and Programme News
8.00 News
8.10 Today's Papers
8.15 Sport on 4
8.50 Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News
9.05 Breakaway
9.50 News Stand
10.05 The Week in Westminster. John Harrison discusses the proposed constitution of the Social Democratic Party.
10.30 Daily Service†
10.45 Pick of the Week†
11.35 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News
12.02 Money Box
12.27 Just a Minute†
12.55 Weather and Programme News
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? The panel consists of Arthur Scargill, Denis Healey, Lord Marsh and Joan Hall.
2.00 News
2.05 Play† "Paula's Tape" by Rony Robinson
2.35 Medicine Now
3.05 Wildlife
3.30 The British Seafarer.† A history in the words of those who made it
4.15 Feedback with Tom Vernon
4.30 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners
5.00 Novels Up To Now. A look at the novel before the war
5.25 Week Ending†
5.55 Weather-Programme News
6.00 News
6.15 Desert Island Discs† Castaway: Sir Christopher Leaver
6.55 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson
7.35 Baker's Dozen†
8.30 Play† "The Centenier" by Alan Downer
9.58 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Beyond the Threshold. The story of the Society for Physical Research. The story of the group is told by June Knox-Mawer.
11.00 Lighten our Darkness. An evening meditation
11.15 A Word in Edgeways. With Professor Stuart Hall, Michael Marland and Katherine Whitehorn.
11.45 On the Train to New Zealand. Ray Gosling talks about his travels to the East†
12.00 News and Weather

VHF: 6.25-6.30am Weather; 6.55-7.00; 7.55-8.00; 12.55-1.00pm South West (and Rest MF); local news; 1.55-2.00 and 5.50-5.55 Programme news.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Aubade. Carl Goldmark, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Martinu; records.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review.†
10.15 Stereo Release. Mozart, C.P.E. Bach; records.†
11.00 Robert Mayer Concert from the Royal Festival Hall, London: Villa-Lobos, Smetana, Mozart, Liszt, Williamson.†
12.15 Bandstand. Brighouse and Rastrick Band: Elgar Howarth, Butterworth, Malcolm Arnold.†
1.00 News.
1.05 Early Music Forum.†
2.00 Play it Again. Selection of recent music broadcasts.†
5.00 Jazz Record Requests.†
5.45 Critics' Forum.
6.35 The Classical Guitar. 1981 Eztergom International Guitar Festival: Sanz, Jana Obrovska, Carlevaro, Brouwer, Dodgson.†
7.25 A Journey by Train. Poetry readings.†
8.00 The Flying Dutchman. Opera by Wagner, sung in English. The new English National Opera production direct from the London Coliseum.†
10.30 Araby. Story by James Joyce.
11.00 News.
11.05 Tchaikovsky.†

VHF only 11.20pm-12.20am Open University.

Radio 2

5.00am Peter Marshall.† 8.04 David Jacobs.† 10.00 Star Choice Billy Jo Spears presents her favourite music.† 11.03 Get Ready for Kenny.† 1.00pm Know Your Place. 1.30 Sport on 2: Football; Cricket: Sri Lanka v England; Racing; 6.00 Country Greats in Concert.† 7.00 Beat the Record. 7.30 Big Band Special.† 8.00 Saturday Night is Gala Night.† 10.00 A Century of Music Germany 1920-1929.† 11.03 Pete Murray.† 2.00-5.00am You and the Night and the Music.†



Norman Bailey: Radio 3, 8.00

Radio 1

5.00am As Radio2. 7.00 Playground. 8.00 Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Peter Powell. 12.00 My Top 12.† 1.00 Adrian Juste. 2.00 A King in New York.† 3.05 Paul Gambaccini.† 4.00 Walter's Weekly.† 5.00 Rock On.† 6.30 In Concert.† 7.30 Close.

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BBC1

BBC Cymru/Wales: 5.40-5.45 pm Sports News Wales. 12.50 am Weather. Scotland: 9.05-9.30 am Mag is Mog. 5.40-5.45 pm Scoreboard. 9.50-11.00 Sportscene. Football: Scottish Cup Fourth Round and FA Cup Fifth Round highlights. 12.50 am News. Northern Ireland: 5.00-5.10 pm Scoreboard. 5.40-5.45 Northern Ireland News. 12.50 am Northern Ireland news. England: 5.40-5.45 pm Saturday Spotlight (South West only). 12.55 am Close.

CHANNEL

As London except: Starts 12.15 pm World of Sport. 5.15 Mork and Mindy. 5.40-5.45 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 7.45-8.45 Fall Guy (Lee Majors). 12.20 am Closedown.

TYNE TEES

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Cartoon. 9.10 Sport Billy. 9.40-10.30 Thunderbirds. 12.13-12.15 pm News. 5.15 News. 5.17-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.20 am Three's Company. 12.30 Closedown.

TSW

As London except: Starts 9.15am Wheelies and The Chopper Bunch. 9.30 Saturday Show with Joss Cook, Ian Calvert and Jon Miller. 10.30 Incredible Hulk. 11.20 Survival. 11.45 University Challenge. 12.12pm-12.15 News. 5.15 Mork and Mindy. 5.40-5.45 Newsport. 7.45-8.45 Fall Guy (Lee Majors). 12.20am Postscript. 12.26 Closedown.

HTV WEST

As London except: Starts 9.10am Adventures of Black Beauty. 9.35-10.30 Thunderbirds. 12.13pm-12.15 News. 5.14 News. 5.15-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 9.00 Film: Casino Royale (Peter Sellers) Sir James Bond is called out of retirement when the sinister organization SMERSH threatens the Allies. 12.20am Closedown.

HTV CYMRU/WALES

As HTV West except: 9.10 am-9.35 The Book Tower. 5.15-5.45 Sion a Siân: quiz.

GRAMPIAN

As London except: Starts 9.00am Sesame Street. 10.00-10.30 Joe 90. 5.15pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum beautiful Japanese woman's wealthy husband is kidnapped. 12.20am Reflections. 12.25 Closedown.

SCOTTISH

As London except: Starts 9.15 am Vicky the Viking. 9.40-10.30 Thunderbirds. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 12.20 am Late Call. 12.25 Closedown.

GRANADA

As London except: Starts 9.20 am Spiderman. 9.40-10.30 Thunderbirds. 5.15 pm Bugs Bunny. 5.20-6.15 Chips. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.20 am Mannix. 1.15 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

As London except: Starts 9.00 am-10.30 Film: Living Free (Susan Hampshire, Nigel Davenport) sequel to "Born Free". Elsa the lioness is dead, and George and Joy Adamson capture her three cubs for their own safety. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.20 am Closedown.

John McEnroe: ITV, 3.20

BORDER

As London except: Starts 9.35 am-10.30 Thunderbirds. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum: Japanese woman's husband is kidnapped. 11.20 Hear Here: Traditional music with the Boys of the Lough. 11.35 Closedown.

ANGLIA

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Sesame Street. 10.00-10.30 Sport Billy. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.20 am At the End of the Day. Closedown.

ULSTER

As London except: Starts 10.00 am-10.30 Stingray. 5.00 pm-5.05 Sports Results. 5.13 News. 5.15-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 11.20 Bedtime, followed by Closedown.

CENTRAL

As London except: Starts 9.05 am Paint Along with Nancy. 9.30-10.30 Sesame Street. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.20 am Closedown.

TVS

As London except: Starts. 9.00am Saturday Brief. 9.05 Sesame Street. 10.00 Here's Boomer. 10.30-12.15pm No. 73. 5.15 News. 5.20-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.20am Company, followed by Closedown.

BBC 1

6.25 Open University. Includes Urban Experience and Concorde Case Study; 9.00 Heads and Tails; 9.15 Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan; 9.45 Working for Safety: noise (r); 10.10 The Computer Programme: Information Service exploration; 10.35 Business Club: for the small businessman; 11.00 See Hear! For the Hard of hearing; 11.25 Ensemble: French course, lesson 16; 11.50 Maths Help: ratios; 12.00 Accident of Birth: mental handicap topics (r); 12.15 Sunday Worship: from St Martin's Church, Worcester; 1.00 Farming; 1.25 Paint! First film (of 10) with John Fitzmaurice Mills; 1.50 News; 1.55 Film: Carry on Spying* (1964) The Carry On gang in an esplonage spoof about a stolen formula; 3.20 Bonanza: venerable American western series, repeated yet again. 4.05 Daffy Duck cartoons.

4.20 British Marching Band Championships: More than 20 famous bands compete. From Birmingham.

5.05 Mickey and Donald: cartoon from Disney.

5.25 Stalky and Co: Kipling's public school tale; episode 3. Mr King (John Woodnutt) is quashed; 5.55 News. With Jan Leeming.

6.05 Holiday: Cliff Michelmore in Vancouver; Anne Gregg on a caravan site in Bude; Derek Cooper heads for the Galloway coast of Scotland.

6.40 Songs of Praise: from All Saints Church, Crawley Down, Sussex.

7.15 Kings Royal: Episode 6 of this Scottish family saga. The malt whisky distillers are up in arms over Robert's blended whisky and the other brother, James, continues to cause his father problems with his involvement in the Socialist movement. With Tom Bell, Eric Deacon.

8.05 Film: Kaleidoscope (1966) Comedy thriller with Warren Beatty as the cards cheat involved in a plot to trap a drugs smuggler. With Susannah York, Clive Revill, Eric Porter, Murray Melvin, George Sewell and Yootha Joyce.

9.00 Film: Kaleidoscope (continued).

9.45 Omnibus: The arts magazine. The distinguished potter, Lucie Rie (subject of a retrospective exhibition at the V and A) is interviewed by David Attenborough. There's also a preview of the Victorian painter Sir Edwin Landseer (subject of a Tate Gallery exhibition). Barry Norman gives the results of a national opinion poll on favourite authors.

10.35 News: with Jan Leeming.

10.50 Choices: Personal dilemmas, discussed by a panel and an invited audience. With Libby Purves as MC. The panel consists of Dame Cicely Saunders, Rob Buckman and Bill Sirs.

11.25 Couples: End of this seven-part series. This programme is about two close relationships between elderly parents and their grown-up children.

11.50 Barbara Mandrell: The country and western star, and her sisters, celebrate St Valentine's Day. Ends at 12.30.

BBC 2

7.15 Open University. Subjects include Ecology; Using Public Libraries; and Interviewing Technique. Ends at 1.30; At 1.45 Charlie Brown: cartoon: 2.10 Horizon: Notes of a Biology Watcher. A second screening of this film about the eminent American biologist Lewis Thomas. His theme is that all human beings are unique. All primitive forms of life, too, like bacteria. He says uniqueness is crucial to the way that nature works (r); 3.00 International Bowls: The grand final of the Embassy World Indoor Championship. More at 5.50, with highlights at 9.10, also on BBC2.

4.15 Ski Sunday: The Men's Downhill and the Men's Slalom. From Garmisch Partenkirchen.

4.50 Rugby Special: Highlights of the Heriot's FP versus Gala clash yesterday at Goldenacre, Edinburgh.

5.50 International Bowls: Back to the Embassy World Indoor Championships.

6.00 News Review: with Jan Leeming.

6.30 The Money Programme: Inquiry by Nick Clarke into what has gone wrong with the economy of the Republic of Ireland. Also financial news from Brian Widlake and Valerie Singleton.

7.15 The Flight of the Condor: (see Choice).

8.10 Nancy Astor: Repeat of part one of this drama serial about the American who became Britain's first woman MP. Starring Lisa Harrow (r).

9.05 News: with Jan Leeming.

910 International Pro-Celebrity Golf: Ludovic Kennedy and Lee Trevino play Terry Wogan and Jerry Pate. Over nine holes on the Queen's Course at Gleneagles. Peter Alliss chats with them.

10.00 Australian Film Season: The Money Movers (1980) Drama about a gang of crooks who plan to rob a vault of 20 million dollars in gold. Heading the cast are Terence Donovan and Ed Devereaux. Directed and written by Bruce Beresford.

11.30 International Bowls. Highlights from the Embassy World Indoor Championship. Ends at 12.15 am.

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9.05 Be Your Own Boss: with Henry Cooper; 9.30 Cartoon; 9.45 God's Story: The Old Testament, rewritten for children; 10.00 Morning Worship: from St Malachy's, Coleraine, County Londonderry; 11.00 Link: Help for the disabled; 11.30 Stingray: puppets in action (r); 12.00 Weekend World: Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General on the Government's plans for helping to protect women against rapists; 1.00 Police 5: with Shaw Taylor; 1.15 Cartoon; 1.30 The Great Depression: The Hoover Years. Film about the Wall Street Crash in 1929, and how the reverberations spread (see Choice); 2.30 London news headlines. And The Big Match: action from three of yesterday's FA Cup ties; 3.30 Barriers:Drama serial. Re-enter Mrs Dalgleish, the exiled Hungarian opera singer (Sian Phillips).

4.00 Jaywalking: Sue Jay interviews Canon John Collins, the veteran anti-nuclear and anti-apartheid campaigner.

4.30 Film: Hell Drivers* (1957) Tough drama about battling lorry drivers, with Stanley Baker, Peggy Cummins, Herbert Lom and Patrick McGoohan.

6.30 News from ITN; 6.40 Appeal. Sir John Mills asks us to send our spare cash to Age Concern.

6.45 Sunday Best: Religious programme, which mixes in music and comedy. Joint presenters are Frank Topping, Donald Swann and Marian Davies. The guests include the actor Brian Blessed.

7.15 The Fall Guy: Thriller series, about a Hollywood stuntman (Lee Majors) who earns some extra dollars as a bounty hunter.

8.15 A Fine Romance: Helen and Phil plan a lunch in Boulogne. Laura asks if she and Mike can join in. With Judi Dench, Michael Williams, Susan Penhaligon and Richard Warwick; 8.45 News from ITN.

9.00 Airline: More chapters from the up-and-down success story of small-scale airline owner Jack Ruskin (Roy Marsden). Last week's episode ended with his losing his pilot's licence for flying his Dakota while temporarily suspended. Tonight, Ruskin decides to give his airline's image a wash and brush up. He flies a party of schoolgirls to Switzerland.

10.00 Wood and Walters: Comedy sketches, and songs, from Victoria Wood and Julie Walters. Includes the sequel to The Country Diary of a Edwardian Lady

10.30 The South Bank Show: Interview with the influential American film critic Pauline Kael who isn't enthusiastic about today's films from the United States; and a feature about George Steiner's The Portage to San Cristobal of AH.

11.30 News headlines. They are followed by:— Star Parade. With Boney M, and James Last.

12.30 Close. A St Valentine's song.

CHOICE



Godfrey Hodgson: LWT, 1.30

● THE FLIGHT OF THE CONDOR, a three-part exploration of the wildlife of the Andes, begins tonight (BBC 2, 7.15), and if the remaining two films are as impressive as the first, the BBC's Natural History Unit in Bristol will have come up with a winner in this its silver jubilee year. It's not just that the aerial photography is outstanding (with this condor's-eye-view of the peaked backbone of the Andes how could it have been otherwise?), or that the spectacular cast of sea and land creatures go through their paces as if directed by some latter-day Pan, or that wondrous plants appear to be outdoing each other in improbability. The real secret of the success of Michael Andrews's film is that the three elements of land, water and air have been harmoniously integrated with each other in the same way that a fine symphonist would blend his orchestral colours. Mr Andrews's sensible screen commentary is filled out by him in the superbly illustrated book which Collins/BBC have brought out to accompany the films (£12.95p).

● THE GREAT DEPRESSION (LWT, 1.30; times and dates vary elsewhere) is economics made intelligible to the masses while not insulting the intelligence of the experts. It is a six-part series about the Wall Street Crash of 1929 and how the dust and debris rolled across the capitalist world in the 1930s. Godfrey Hodgson has written, and presents, the films and the newsreel archives have been raided to good, dramatic effect. Herbert Hoover will be spinning in his grave.

● Radio highlights: BLEAK HOUSE (Radio 4, 9.02), adapted by Betty Davies, began promisingly last week. Nothing important has been lost and Brenda Blethyn isn't allowing Esther's notorious saintliness to get on our nerves . . . There's the whole of the acclaimed Covent Garden production of TOSCA on Capital Radio (6.00), with Gwyneth Jones in the title role and Placido Domingo as Mario.

Radio 4

6.30 Morning Has Broken.
6.55 Weather and Programme News.
7.00 News.
8.00 News and Sunday Papers.
8.15 Sunday.
8.55 Weather and Programme News.
9.00 News.
9.15 Etter from America.
9.30 Morning Service.
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus.
11.15 Weekend.
12.00 Smash of the Day: Hancock's Half-Hour.
12.30 The Food Programme.
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World This Weekend.
2.00 News.
2.02 Gardeners' Question Time.
2.30 Play. "The Berlin Resurrection" by Anton Gill† .
4.00 News.
4.02 Talking Abokut Antiques.
4.30 The Living World. The Flight of the Condor.
5.00 News.
5.05 Down Your Way.
5.55 Weather and Programme News.
6.00 News.
6.15 Rhchard Stilgoe's St Valentine's Day Traffic Jam Show.
6.45 Common's Sense, George Orwell's debt to writer, Jack Common.
7.00 Around the World in 25 Years with Johnny Morris† .
7.30 Bookshelf. Magazine programme about books.
8.00 Music to Remember. String Quartet recital: Haydn, Ravel†
9.00 News.
9.02 Bleak House, by Charles Dickens (2)† .
9.58 Weather.
10.00 News
10.15 Beyond the Threshold. The story of the Society for Psychical Research
11.00 Lighten our Darkness. An evening meditation
11.15 A Word in Edgeways
11.45 On the Train to New Zealand. Ray Gosling talks about his travels to the East†
12.00 News and Weather

VHF: 7.15-7.55 am. Open University (Values and Beliefs and Fielding's Tom Jones); 1.55-2.00 Programme news; 4.00-6.00 pm Study on 4 (Dealing with Drink); 4.30 Wegweiser (number 16); 5.00 Por Aqui (number 16) and, at 5.30, Ensemble (number 16).

Radio 3

7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Collegium Aureum. Leopold Hoffmann, Bach; records.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Your Concert Choice. Record requests: Mozart, Mrs H. H. A. Beach, Balakirev.†
10.30 Music Weekly.†
11.20 From the Proms. Concert recorded September 1981. Part 1: Mozart, Delius.
12.15 Words. Talk by John Sparrow (2).
12.20 From the Proms. Part 2: Brahms.†
1.05 Lindsay String Quartet. Recital: Gyorgy Kurtag, Mozart.†
2.00 Don Pasquale. Comic opera in three acts by Donizetti (sung in Italian; records) Act 1.†
2.45 Interval reading.
2.50 Don Pasquale, Act 2.
3.25 A Closer Look. Poet Vernon Scannell on works by Matthew Arnold.
3.45 Don Pasquale, Act 3.
4.35 Tartini Violin Sonatas. Recital.†
5.35 Three Italian Writers (2). Giorgio Bassani. Talk by Paul Bailey.
6.25 Mozart and Brahms. 2-Piano recital.†
7.15 Valentine. Collage of words and music, by George Newson.†
7.55 Hunger by Knut Hamsun. A dramatization for radio by Robert Ferguson.†
9.00 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Concert. Part 1: Elgar, Paul Patterson.†
9.50 In a Nutshell by Barry Pilton.
9.55 Concert. Part 2: Strauss.†
10.40 The Fourth Day Out from Santa Cruz. Short story by Paul Bowles.
11.00 News.
11.05 Concertante Variations. Medelssohn on record.†

VHF only: 5.55-7.55am and 11.20pm-1.00am Open University.

Radio 2

5.0am Peter Marshall.† 7.30 Nick Page.† 9.00 David Jacobs.† 11.00 Desmond Carrington.† 12.00pm Paul Daniels.† 1.30 Listen to Les.† 2.00 Benny Green.† 3.00 Two's Best.† 4.00 Sing Something Simple.† 4.30 String Sound.† 5.00 Comedy Classics: "Dad's Army". 5.30 Charlie Chester. 6.30 Acker's 'Alf 'Our. 7.00 The World of . . . Steve Davis. 7.30 Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 Your 100 Best Tunes. 10.00Europe Pop Jury.† 11.05 Pete Murray.† 2.00-5.00am You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

8.00am Tony Blackburn.† 10.00 Noel Edmunds.† 1.00pm Jimmy Savile. 3.00 Studio B15. 5.00 Top 40.† 7.00 The Record Producers.† 8.00 Sound of Jazz.† 10.00 Close.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave (648 kHz 463m) at the following times GMT: 6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News About Britain. 7.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 7.30 Classical Record Review. 7.45 The End of the Affair. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 People and Politics. 9.45 Sports Review. 10.15 Twentieth Century Folk. 10.30 Sunday Service. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Play of the Week. 12.30 Baker's Half-Dozen. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 Good Books. 1.30 Short Story. 1.45 The Sandi Jones Request Show. 2.30 Smash of the Day: The Navy Lark. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Concert Hall. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 4.35 Financial Review. 4.45 Letter from America. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Meridian. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Commentary. 8.15 Letterbox. 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 10.00 World News. 10.09 Science in Action. 10.40 Reflection. 10.45 Sportscall. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Strictly Instrumental. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1.00 The Ages of Man. 1.45 Short Story. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Twentieth Century Folk. 2.30 The Red and the Black. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 The Instrument Makers. 3.30 Anything Goes. 4.00 Newsdesk. 5.45 Is Sin Out of Date?

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1

BBC Cymru/Wales. 8.55-10.5 am Yr Awr Fawr. 10.5-10.35 Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 1.0-10.25 pm Farming in Wales. 1.55-2.20 Tomorrow's World. 2.20-2.50 Ticket to Ride. 2.50-4.25 Sports line-up (Rugby Union: Neath v Bridgend—highlights). 4.25-5.25 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn. 5.25-5.55 Grange Hill. 6.40-7.15 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 11.25-12.20 am Couples. 12.20 News. Scotland. 1.0-1.25 pm Landward. 1.25-1.50 Agenda. 6.40-7.15 A Bridge of Hymns. 9.45-10.10 Spectrum. 10.10-10.35 Cantilena play Vivaldi and Corelli. 10.50-11.25 Voyager. (Paisley Abbey). 12.30 am Scottish news. Northern Ireland. 12.30 am News.

TSW

As London except: 9.30am-10.00 Link. 11.00 Be your own Boss. 11.30-12.00 South West Week. 1.00pm History of the Car. 1.30 News. 2.00 Golf Doctor. 2.05-2.30 Gardens for all. 4.30 Moura Lympany in Concert. 5.00 Radio. 6.00-6.30 Diff'rent Strokes. 7.15-815 Hawaii Five-O. 11.30 Bizarre. 12.00 Postscript.

ULSTER

As London except: Starts 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Be Your Own Boss. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 12.58 am News. 1.00 God's Story. 1.15 University Challenge. 1.45 Farming Ulster. 2.15-2.30 Cartoon. 4.30 Alphabet. 5.00-6.30 Film: Topper Returns (Joan Blondel, Roland Young) Comedy. Harassed banker is visited by a ghost. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Sports Results. 11.35 Bedtime.

TYNE TEES

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Link. 9.30-10.00 Be Your Own Boss. 11.00 Lookaround. 11.02 Beachcombers. 11.30 Cartoon. 11.45 God's Story. 11.58-12.00 News. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Parents and Teenagers. 2.30-3.30 Shhot. 4.30 News. 4.32 Incredible Hulk. 5.30 Little House on the Prairie. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Great Depression: America—The Hoover Years. 12.30 am Sunderland Singers. 12.35 Closedown.

CENTRAL

As London except: Starts 8.45 am Farming '82. 9.15 Be Your Own Boss. 9.45-10.00 God's Story. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 Here and Now. 2.00 Benson. 2.30-3.30 Star Soccer, introduced by Garry Newbon. 4.30 Cartoon. 4.45-6.30 Film: Valentine Magic on Love Island (Adrienne Barbeau) Comedy as four couples search for romance on a lush tropical island. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Great Depression: Hoover Years. 12.30 Closedown.

GRANADA

As London Except: Starts 9.30 am Children of . . . Hongkong. 9.45-10.00 God's Story. 11.00 Your Own Boss. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30-12.00 This Is Your Right. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 ¼40 Robert. 2.25-3.30 Match Time. 4.30 Cartoon. 4.45-6.30 Film: Blithe Spirit. (Rex Harrison). Noel Coward's classic in which a man's second marriage is upset by the return of his first wife's ghost. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Parents and Teenagers. 12.00 Benson. 12.30 am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 9.15am Seachd Laithean. 9.30-10.00 Be your own Boss. 10.15 God's Story. 10.30 History Makers: Hitler. 10.45-11.00 Sounds of . . . Wynford Evans. 11.30-12.00 Take Issue. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00-3.30 Film: Bomb at 10.10 (George Montgomery, Branko Plesa) Wartime drama of pilot who escapes from a German PoW camp. 4.30 Scotsport. 5.30-6.30 Chips. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Reflections. 11.35 Barney Miller. 12.05am Closedown.

TVS

As London except: 8.55am House Communion. 9.15 Be your own Boss. 9.45-10.00 God's Story. 11.30-12.00 Stingray. 1.00pm Mr and Mrs. 1.30 Farming Diary. 2.00 University Challenge. 2.30-3.30 Sunday Sportshow. 4.30 Chips. 5.25 Radio. 6.25-6.30 News. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 News. 11.35 New Wolfe. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

HTV

As London except: starts 8.45am Sesame Street. 9.45-10.00 God's Story. 11.30-12.00 Be Your Own Boss. 100pm University Challenge. 1.30 West Country Farming. 2.00-2.30 Spread Your Wings. 4.30-6.30 Film: Gigi. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Bizarre.

HTV CYMRU/WALES

As HTV West except:- 1.30pm 1.45 Medieval Jousting. 1.45-2.30 Rugby Special. 3.30-4.00 Oedra'r Pnawn. 4.00-4.30 Barriers.

CHANNEL

As London except: Starts 2.05-2.30 pm Gardens for All. 4.30 Moura Lympany. 5.00 Radio. 6.00-6.30 Diff'rent Strokes. 7.15-8.15 Hawaii Five-O. 11.30 Bizarre. 12.00 Epilogue followed by Closedown.

Brian Blessed: ITV, 6.45

YORKSHIRE

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Link. 9.25 Wild, Wild, World of Animals. 9.55-10.00 Bubbles. 11.00 Be Your Own Boss. 11.30-12.00 Farming Diary. 1.00 am God's Story. 1.15 University Challenge. 1.45 Callendar. 2.10 New Fred and Barney Show. 2.30-3.30 Big Game. 4.30 Popeye. 4.45-6.30 Film: Valentine Magic on Love Island (Adrienne Barbeau) Comedy as four people search for romance on a lush tropical island. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Great Depression: Hoover Years. 12.30 am Five Minutes. 12.35 Closedown.

SCOTTISH

As London except: Starts 9.30 am Jaywalking. 10.00-11.00 Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 Be Your Own Boss. 1.00 pm Out of Town. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 God's Story. 2.15 University Challenge. 2.45-3.30 Glen Michael Cavalcade. 4.00 Mork and Mindy. 4.30 Scotsport. 5.30 Mr and Mrs. 6.00 Tell the Story. 6.15-6.30 By the Way. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 New Avengers. 12.35 am Closedown.

BORDER

As London except: Starts 9.15am Be Your Own Boss. 9.45-10.00 God's Story. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 1.00pm Farming Outlook. 1.30-2.30 Great Depression: Hoover Years. 4.30 Border Diary. 4.35 Cartoon. 4.45-6.30 Film: Valentine Magic On Love Island (1980). (Adrienne Barbeau) Comedy as four couples search for romance on a lush tropical island. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Closedown.

ANGLIA

As London except: Starts 9.30am-10.00 Paint along with Nancy. 11.30-12.00 Be Your Own Boss. 1.00pm God's Story. 1.15 European Folk Tales. 1.30 Weather. 1.35 Farming Diary. 2.05 Cartoon. 2.30-3.30 Match of the Week. 4.30 Incredible Hulk. 5.30 Bernard Thomas Coracle Builder. 6.00-6.30 Mr and Mrs. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Great Depression: Hoover Years. 12.30am Mr Noah and his Auk.



Stallion rampant: In parts of the world (the wilder, woollier parts of the world like Newbury and Kempton Park) the natives value horseflesh more than woman-flesh, art, money, or even motor cars (Philip Howard writes).

The great Indian desert of Thar in Rajasthan is one of such places: horsier even than the great English desert of Gloucestershire with its wild tribes of nomad Hurray Henries, Horsey Hannahs, and junior members of the Royal Family. This stallion is showing its rampant prowess at the Tilwara desert fair, near Jodhpur (where the calf-revealing horsey knickers come from), the main city of the Thar desert (population 400,000, don't miss the red-rose fort; you can't because the city sprawls beneath its walls). It is a Marwari horse, an old breed famous for its strength, speed, fecundity, stupidity, and other equine virtues. The ring watching may look exotic: mostly Rajputs and Rabaris to judge from their costumes. But the expression on their faces is pure Curragh/Epsom: a mixture of love of beauty, rapacity, and machismo.

Letter from Shetland

The day they buried a way of life

As funerals go, it was not a bad one. There must have been 70 men there at the tiny kirk by the Bressay pier and the graveyard seemed full of navy blue gaberdine macs, cloth caps and freshly-laundered handkerchiefs busy with unaccountably troublesome noses. It was Candlemas Day and, as the Shetland folklore goes, "If Candlemas Day be bright and fair, the worst o' the winter's to come and mair." It had indeed dawned bright and fair, so even the more frail and elderly islanders were out in force to pay their last respects [illegible] O'Gorie.

Inside the kirk there was silent prayer but no singing as the minister conducted the stark ritual of a Scots funeral service. No one felt much like singing "Abide With Me" for with Jessie they were burying a way of life as well as a much loved friend and neighbour.

"What age was she?" a friend home from the South asked another mourner.

"Only 78" was the reply and it was not as strange as it sounded, for Jessie had been so sprightly and cheerful, even in hospital after her bad fall, that everyone had assumed that she would soon be on her feet again to live well into her nineties.

Jessie Laurenson had lived at the little croft of Gorie for the past 42 years. Carefully tended bushes and dwarf trees surround this brightly painted house on the bleak east coast of Bressay, a bare-looking island that gives six miles of valuable shelter from the North Sea storms to the busy port of Lerwick.

Bressay made Lerwick but always went its own way and never forgot that it was there before Lerwick sprang up in the seventeenth century to be a straggle of drinking dens and warehouses for the Dutch fishing fleet.

At Gorie, Jessie and her husband, Tammie, kept alive the hospitality and traditions of a Shetland croft in the old style. They held no public offices, steered clear of politics, kept busy from dawn till dusk, stayed out of debt and generally lived the sort of blameless, charitable life that never makes the headlines.

Yet they had a benign influence that extended far beyond the 320 inhabitants of Bressay and they are missed by hundreds of people from Toyko to Stockholm who had the rare pleasure of visiting Gorie in its prime.

Tammie was fixing a pane of glass in his greenhouse when he dropped dead two years ago. Now there is no one left to prune the vine that he somehow persuaded to grow grapes, on the same latitude as the southern tip of Greenland. The home-made propellers of his two wind-powered electricity generators (which pre-dated the energy crisis by many years) are still. The croft lies dark, cold and silent under the shadow of the great hill of the Ward of Bressay.

Shortly before he died, Tammie rejected the chance to get mains electricity, although he did accept the telephone (for emergency use) and even burned phurnacite in the cast-iron Victoress stove, to heat his do-it-yourself glazing system when he grew too old to cut his own peats on the slopes of the Ward.

Gorie is only three miles from the urban whirl of Lerwick (population 8,000) but it is well off the tarmac track and most visitors pass it by on their eager way across Bressay to visit the national nature reserve island of Noss, world famous for its seabird cliffs. On bad days the Noss ferry cannot cross the tide race and it was on days of south-easterly gales that many visitors made their first chance call at Gorie, as they explored the empty quarter of Bressay in search of the birds they had missed in Noss.

Among their friends Jessie and Tammie numbered ornithologists, artists and photographers from all over the world, most of whom left with presents of a jar of blackcurrant jam, roses from the greenhouse, cuttings from stalwart fruit bushes or maybe a plum or two, in season, from the tree that had its own personal greenhouse out at the back of the barn.

Bressay's population is rising after a century of decline. The island's future seems more hopeful than it did when the Gorie folk were young and Tammie had to go to South Georgia to make a living at the whaling, a trade that disgusted him. Bressay has jobs, modern housing estates, mains water and electricity, television and CB radio, an excellent car ferry and all modern conveniences, but after the funeral on Candlemas Day it will never be quite as rich as it was.

Jonathan Wills
Scottish Correspondent

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Exhibitions

Charles Darwin stamps display, Wildlife Trust, Slimbridge, 9.30 to 5.

Subjective Eye, Arnolfini Gallery, Bristol, 11 to 8.

Cruft's Dog Show, terriers and working dogs, Earls Court, 8.30 to 7.30.

Marcel Duchamp's Travelling Box, Dudley Art Gallery, 10 to 5.

Local views from old photographs, Stafford Art Gallery, 10 to 5.

Approaches to Modern Art Romanticism, Usher Art Gallery, Lincoln, 10 to 5.30.

The British Worker, photographs of working life, Carlisle Art Gallery, 9 to 5.

Paintings, drawings, watercolours and graphic work by Jean Marchand, Christopher Hull Gallery, 670 Fulham Road, London, 10 to 4.

Ballet designs by Mike Becket, Cockpit Theatre, Gateforth Street, Marylebone, 11 to 8.

Japanese Contemporary Art Exhibition, Camden Arts Centre, Finchley Road, 11 to 6.

Paintings and drawings by John Hopkinson, Leinster Fine Art Gallery, 9 Hereford Road, Bayswater, London, 11 to 3.

Original Victorian valentines, 1840-1880, Baylys Gallery, 8 Princes Arcade, Piccadilly, 10 to 1.

Original valentines, The Workshop, 83 Lambs Conduit Street, Holborn, 11 to 1.

Landseer, Tate Gallery, 10 to 6.

Paintings by Graham Crowley and sculpture b yRoger Bates, Air Gallery, 6-8 Roseberry Avenue, Holborn, 11 to 2.

Last chance to see: Post card pieces by Gilbert and George, Anthony d'offay, 23 Dering Street, New Bond Street, 10 to 1.

Talks

Pissaro by Audrey P. Tyndall, National Gallery, 12.

The Image of Augustus, 11.30, and Greek Theatre, 2.30, both by Patsy Vanags, British Museum.

Vorticism, by Richard Humphreys, Tate Gallery, 3.

Chinese art—Study collection, by Gillian Darby, 12, Bernini, by Harriet Bakewell, 3, both at Victoria and Albert Museum.

Music

William Byrd Choir choral concert, Wolfson College Hall, Oxford, 8.15.

Concert by Lambeth Orchestra, Christ Church, Sutton, 7.30.

General

London race-walking championships, Battersea Park: Ladies' 5,000-metre starts at 2; men's 10 miles starts 2.40, with finish expected at about 3.50.

Tomorrow

Exhibitions

Tribal Encounters, ethnic objects collected by David Attenborough, Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, 2 to 5.30.

History of the Traction Engine, paintings by David Weston, Museum of Transport, Glasgow, 2 to 5.

Watercolours and drawings by Joseph Crawhall, Glasgow Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, 2 to 5.

Landscapes by Théodore Rousseau, Sainsbury Centre, East Anglia University, Norwich, 12 to 5.

Paintings by Joan Painter, Grange Art Gallery, Rottingdean, Brighton, 2 to 5.

Paintings by Ger Van Elk, Serpentine Galery, Kensington Gardens, 10 to 5.

Turner and the Sea, Tate Gallery, 2 to 6.

Cruft's Dog Show, utility and hounds, Earls Court, 8.30 to 7.30.

Americans at Play, Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, 2.30 to 6.

Life in Cities, Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, 2 to 5.

The Great Japan Exhibition, Royal Academy, 10 to 6.

Talks

Venetian Marionette Theatre from the Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, by Imogen Stewart, 3.30; Bronzes and medals, by Anthony Radcliffe, 3.30, both Victoria and Albert Museum.

Wyndham Lewis, by Richard Humphreys, Tate Gallery, 3.

Iran and revolutionary Islam, by the Right Rev Kenneth Cragg, Great Saint Mary's, University Church, ambridge, 8.30.

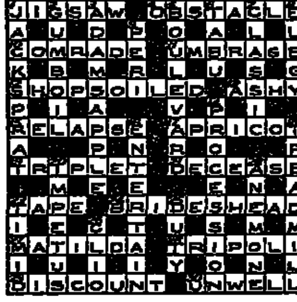
Music

Valentine concert, Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate, 7.30.

Dorset County Museum Music Society concert, Dorset County Musem, Dorchester, 3.

William Byrd Choir choral concert, St Mary's, Beverley, 3.

Solution of Puzzle No 15,754



Solution of Puzzle No 15,749

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15,755

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World *(comprehensive edition) will be given for the first correct solution opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winner and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winner of last Saturday's competition is Mr C. M. Clothier, Broomham Farm, Broad Oak, Heathfield, Sussex.

Name ....

Address ....

ACROSS

1 Judge more impartial, said the traveller (8).
5 Fall follows on this horizontal beam (6).
8 President opposed to New Deal? (3,7).
9 Sensibly used to avoid work (4).
10 Razor-bill? (7,2,5).
11 Puts 'ero back in Greek play (7).
13 Gets letters in Times, as famous artist (7).
15 Note is placed before the next one in row (7).
18 Main supporters help to deal with pitch (3-4).
21 Sensation concealed by Chopin, Sand — needlessly (4,3,7).
22 Very big, it was part of a *gigantic pile-up* (4).
23 With this device, heads off further debate? (10).
24 Neat drinks (6).
25 Treated wound for little boy after sudden pain (8).

DOWN

1 TV doctor provides answer for reference book (4,3).
2 Peak performances from these singers (9).
3 He has views of a soulful nature (7).
4 Some held up without equipment for snow? (7).
5 Support for columns in battle, so last of enemy destroyed (9).
6 Contents of small pack this prophet has (7).
7 Problems done by 5 *ac* are upsetting scholar (7).
12 Greatness, unfortunately, has alienating effect (9).
14 Woman will try to get information from clam, perhaps (9).
16 One member a drunken sot? That's laying it on thick! (7).
17 Part of Animal Farm — reputation for Orwell, for example (3-4).
18 Worn by half of Manx race? (7).
19 Locates sort of plant once used in brewing (7).
20 Hold up most of amount to pay out (7).

The Pound

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.77	1.69
Austria Sch	32.15	30.15
Belgium Fr	85.25	81.25
Canada $	2.31	2.22
Denmark Kr	14.93	14.18
Finland Mkk	8.70	8.25
France Fr	11.54	10.94
Germany DM	4.56	4.31
Greece Dr	120.00	111.00
Hongkong $	11.25	10.65
Ireland Pt	1.28	1.23
Italy Lir	2375.00	2275.00
Japan Yn	462.00	436.00
Netherlands Gld	4.99	4.73
Norway Kr	11.50	10.90
Portugal Esc	131.00	124.00
South Africa Rd	2.09	1.94
Spain Pta	192.75	183.75
Sweden Kr	11.13	10.55
Switzerland Fr	3.68	3.46
US $	1.90	1.83

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 1.7 at 570.5.

Sporting fixtures

Football: FA Cup fifth round, Scottish Cup fourth round, Football League and Scottish League matches (page 18).

Rugby Union: Welsh Cup and matches (page 18).

Rugby League: *Challenge Cup*: St Helens v Wigan, 2.15, Workington Town v Blackpool Borough, 3.

Racing: Meetings at Newbury, 1.30, Ayr, 1.30, Catterick Bridge, 1.15.

Tomorrow

Football: One Scottish Cup and four Football League matches (page 18).

Rugby League: Challenge Cup (page 18).

Sport on TV

BBC1: 12.20: football focus; 12.45: world cup skiing; 1.10: boxing; 1.20: racing from Newbury; 1.40: world bobsleigh championships; 2.50: international hockey; 3.55: rugby league; 9.50: match of the day.

BBC2: 5.45: international bowls.

ITV: 12.20: on the ball; 12.45: world cup skiing; 1: women's cricket; 1.20: ITV Six—racing; 3: moto cross; 4: wrestling.

In the garden

Plants are beginning to grow again as the days lengthen. Feed indoor pot plants once every seven to 10 days with a soluble fertilizer. Wash leaves of houseplants and apply a "leaf shine".

If the ground is workable, sow early peas such as Feltham First and broad beans. If cloches are available set them over the peas and beans after sowing. Set traps under the cloches for mice.

Cover rhubarb with a box, a large drainpipe or an old bucket and pack leaves or straw around and over plants to hasten production of tender stems.

Dogs for the deaf

The Royal National Institute for the Deaf launched a scheme yesterday for training dogs to respond to noises such as doorbells or fire alarms by signalling their masters. Details from: RNID, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, 105 Gower Street, London WC1E 6AH.

Auction viewing

Phillips, Blenheim Street: Oil paintings, 9 to 12; furniture, carpets, works of art and pewter, 9 to 12.

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Travel

Air

The dispute by British Airways ground staff at Heathrow could spread to other airlines but British Airways was last night hoping to operate 80 per cent of flights from Heathrow this weekend. To check flights, ring: 01-759 2525.

Rail

British Rail expects a normal service today until late evening when the timetable winds down for the strike on Sunday.

Roadworks

Scotland: A698: Temporary traffic lights at Kelso. A819: Many repairs for two-mile stretch north of Inveraray. A742: Long delays between Greenock and Inverkip; temporary signals.

North: A181: Temporary signals on Wellfield bypass, co Durham. A684: Long relays at Leeming Bar, North Yorkshire. A18: Temporary signals at Hatfield, South Yorkshire.

Wales and West: A303: Delays because of roadworks at Horton, Somerset. M4: Various lanes closed between junctions 16 (Swindon) and 17 (Chippenham). A4: Bath Road, Bristol, greatly reduced in width.

Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

The Daily Mail is critical of the composition of the committee of inquiry into the train drivers' dispute. Why, it asks, was there no representative of the consumer or the taxpayer? As usual, with the affairs of a nationalized industry the national interest is the one which is overlooked, it observes.

Commenting on the latest moves in France towards nationalization, Le Monde said yesterday that the French Government now heads a public sector without equal in the Western world. L'Humanite emphasizes that the socialist Government now has powerful means to develop a new industrial policy as long as it acts quickly to bring in the workers. In Le Monde the employers' association describes nationalizations as serious, costly and useless.

The Bonn Generalanzeiger said yesterday of the decision to allow East Germans more visits to the West that it had had nothing to do with a pilitical breakthrough although "it must be seen as a step into the right direction".

The Frankfurter Rundschau said it was a clear signal from East Germany that willingness to talk does bear fruit.

Park bronzes to go

The original nine bronze figures by Barbara Hepworth called "The Family of Man", which have stood in Hyde Park overlooking Park Lane since 1977, are being removed permanently from the park on Monday. Mr Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House, their owner, is sending them for exhibition in New York.

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: John Hunter, anatomist and surgeon, Long Calderwood, East Kilbride, 1728; Lord Randolph Church, Blenheim Palace, 1849.

Deaths: Catherine Howard, fifth queen consort of Henry VIII, executed in the Tower, 1542; Benvenuto Cellini, Florence, 1571; Richard Wagner, Venice, 1883.

Accession of William and Mary, 1689; massacre of the Macdonalds by Campbell soldiers at Glencoe, 1692.

TOMORROW: Births: Copernicus, Torun, Poland, 1473; Thomas Malthus, near Dorking, 1766; Quintin Hogg, founder of the Polytechnic, London, 1845.

Weather

A strong SW airstream will cover most districts.

6 am to midnight

London, SE England, East Anglia: Cloudy with rain at first, becoming brighter with scattered showers; wind mainly S, moderate, locally strong at first; max temp 7 or 8C (45 or 46F).

Central N, Central S and E England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Sunny periods, scattered showers; wind S to SW, moderate but fresh at first; max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

SW and NW England, Wales: Sunny intervals and showers; wind SW, fresh, becoming moderate; max temp 7 or 8C (45 or 46F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Sunny intervals and showers; wind SW, strong to gale at first, becoming moderate to fresh; max temp 6 or 7C (43 to 45F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray, Firth: Sunny periods, scattered showers; wind SW, strong to gale, slowly moderating; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

Central Highlands, NE and NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy with showers, heavy and prolonged at times, wintry on high ground; wind SW, severe gales in places, slowly moderating; max temp 5 or 6C (41 to 43F).

N Ireland: Rather cloudy with showers, heavy and prolonged at times, but some sunny intervals later; wind SW, gale, moderating to fresh; max temp 6 or 7C (43 to 45F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Showers or longer outbreaks of rain but mostly dry in E England; windy at times; mild.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel E: Wind S or SW, fresh or strong, but locally gale at first; sea mainly rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind mainly SW, strong or gale, decreasing fresh or strong; sea very rough becoming rough.

Sun rises: 7.19 am. Sun sets: 5.11 pm. Moon sets: 9.47 am. Moon rises: 11.23 pm.
Last quarter: February 15.

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 7.17 am. Sun sets: 5.13 pm. Moon sets: 10.8 am. Moon rises: 12.30 am (Monday).
Last quarter: Monday.

Lighting up time

London 5.43 pm to 6.45 am
Bristol 5.53 pm to 6.55 am
Edinburgh 5.44 pm to 7.09 am
Manchester 5.47 pm to 6.58 am
Penzance 6.08 pm to 7.04 am

TOMORROW
London 5.41 pm to 6.47 am
Bristol 5.51 pm to 6.57 am
Edinburgh 5.42 pm to 7.11 am
Manchester 5.45 pm to 7.00 am
Penzance 6.06 pm to 7.06 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	8	46	Guernsey	c	8	46
Birmingham	c	8	46	Inverness	c	7	45
Blackpool	r	8	46	Jersey	c	8	46
Bristol	r	9	48	London	c	9	48
Cardiff	c	8	46	Manchester	c	8	46
Edinburgh	f	9	48	Newcastle	c	7	45
Glasgow	r	7	45	Ronaldsway	r	8	46

Highest and lowest

Highest day max: Teignmouth, Ilfracombe, Lowestoft, Clacton on Sea, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Wick, Aberdeen, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Bidawdy, 0.71in; highest sunshine: Cromer, 3.4hr.

Satellite predictions

Figures give time of visibility, where rising, maximum elevation, and direction of setting. Asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

MANCHESTER: Cosmos 1518: (Feb 14); 5.5-5.9; SSE*; 30SE; E and 6.41-6.48; WSW; 80W; ENE; (Feb 15); 4.49-4.51; ESE*; 25ESE; E and 6.23-6.30; WSW; 70W; ENE. Cosmos 1220R: 18.26-18.31; NW; 20NNW; NNE and 20.9-20.11; NNW; 20N; [illegible] and (Feb 14); 19.20-19.23; NNW; 20NNE; NNE* and 21.2-21.5; NW; 20NNW; NNW*. Cosmos 185R: 19.21-19.31; NW; 50WSW; SSE and (Feb 14); 18.3-18.14; NW; 75N; SE and 19.44-19.53; WNW; 30WSW; S. Seasat: 18.7-18.14; NNE; 25NW; W. Agena DR: 20.25-20.26; SSW; 20SSW; SSW*.

Predictions supplied by Earth Satellite Unit, Aston University, Birmingham.





b—blue sky; bc—blue sky & cloud; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; p—showers; prs—periodical rain with snow. Wind speed in mph.

London

Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,009.9 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarborough	—	—	9	48	Cloudy
Bridlington	0.2	.01	9	48	Shwr pm
Cromer	3.4	.04	8	46	Sun ints
Lowestoft	2.4	.03	7	45	Sun ints
Clacton	2.2	.04	7	45	Cloudy
Margate	1.2	.09	10	50	Cloudy
Folkestone	3.1	.09	9	48	Sun ints
Hastings	1.9	.01	9	48	Cloudy
Eastbourne	1.8	—	9	48	Cloudy
Worthing	2.3	—	9	48	Cloudy
Littlehampton	1.6	—	9	48	Cloudy
Bognor Regis	1.1	—	9	48	Cloudy
Shanklin	0.2	.02	9	48	Cloudy
Bournemouth	0.9	—	10	50	Cloudy
Poole	0.7	—	11	52	Cloudy
Swanage	0.3	—	10	50	Cloudy
Weymouth	0.5	—	10	50	Cloudy
Exmouth	—	.02	11	52	Rain pm
Teignmouth	—	.02	12	54	Rain
Torquay	—	.02	11	52	Rain pm
Falmouth	—	.28	11	52	Rain pm
Penzance	—	.29	11	52	Rain
Jersey	2.0	.01	11	52	Cloudy
Ilfracombe	—	.29	12	54	Rain
Tenby	—	.37	10	50	Rain
Anglesey	—	.40	9	48	Rain
Colwyn Bay	—	.26	11	52	Rain
Southport	—	—	10	50	Cloudy
Blackpool	—	.02	10	50	Rain
Morecambe	—	.07	10	50	Rain pm
Douglas	—	.12	9	48	Rain
Aldergrove	—	.11	10	50	Rain
Eskdalemuir	—	.53	8	46	Rain
Prestwick	—	.13	10	50	Rain
Stornoway	—	.61	9	48	Rain
Lerwick	0.5	.19	6	43	Rain
Wick	—	—	7	45	Cloudy
Kinloss	0.8	—	11	52	Cloudy
Dyce	—	.16	7	45	Rain
Leuchars	0.5	.06	9	48	Rain

High tides

Today

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.01	7.0	5.27	7.0
Aberdeen	4.36	3.8	4.40	4.0
Avonmouth	10.28	12.7	10.48	12.1
Belfast	2.15	3.2	2.34	3.6
Cardiff	10.11	11.8	10.31	11.3
Devonport	8.55	5.2	9.13	5.0
Dover	2.01	6.6	2.20	6.1
Falmouth	8.25	5.0	8.43	4.8
Glasgow	4.17	4.7	4.15	5.2
Harwich	3.02	3.8	3.32	3.7
Holyhead	1.26	5.1	1.40	5.3
Hull	9.35	6.9	9.45	7.3
Ilfracombe	9.14	8.7	9.32	8.2
Leith	5.57	5.1	6.20	5.1
Liverpool	2.18	8.8	2.33	8.9
Lowestoft	12.17	2.5	1.02	2.2
Margate	3.05	4.7	3.35	4.4
Milford Haven	9.31	6.6	9.49	6.3
Newquay	8.25	6.7	8.44	6.3
Oban	8.38	3.6	9.06	3.4
Penzance	8.02	5.3	8.21	5.1
Portland	9.52	2.0	10.21	1.7
Portsmouth	2.36	4.6	2.45	4.4
Shoreham	2.13	6.1	2.30	5.8
Southampton	2.04	4.4	2.16	4.2
Swansea	9.32	9.0	9.49	8.6
Tees	7.02	5.0	7.13	5.2

Tide measurements in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Tomorrow

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.37	6.7	6.04	6.6
Aberdeen	5.15	3.6	5.23	3.8
Avonmouth	11.01	12.1	11.22	11.4
Belfast	3.00	3.1	3.21	3.4
Cardiff	10.44	11.2	11.05	10.6
Devonport	9.20	5.0	9.42	4.8
Dover	2.42	6.4	3.04	5.8
Falmouth	8.50	4.8	9.12	4.6
Glasgow	4.57	4.7	4.54	5.0
Harwich	3.40	3.7	4.10	3.5
Holyhead	2.05	4.9	2.20	5.0
Hull	10.12	6.6	10.21	6.9
Ilfracombe	9.48	8.1	10.06	7.7
Leith	6.41	4.8	7.04	4.9
Liverpool	2.54	8.4	3.11	8.4
Lowestoft	12.53	2.4	1.42	2.1
Margate	3.41	4.5	4.12	4.2
Milford Haven	10.07	6.2	10.27	5.9
Newquay	9.02	6.3	9.23	5.9
Oban	9.14	3.4	9.45	3.2
Penzance	8.29	5.1	8.53	4.8
Portland	10.23	1.7	10.48	1.6
Portsmouth	3.14	4.5	3.27	4.2
Shoreham	2.45	5.9	3.05	5.5
Southampton	2.46	4.2	2.59	4.0
Swansea	10.07	8.5	10.27	8.1
Tees	7.44	4.7	7.57	4.9
Wltn-on-Naze	3.24	5.9	3.52	3.7

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; r, rain; s, sun; f, fair; fg, fog; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	13	55	Cologne	c	10	50	Locarno	s	7	45	Rhodes	r	10	50
Akrotiri	s	16	61	Copenhagen	s	5	41	Luxembourg	c	6	43	Riyadh	f	17	63
Alexandria	r	13	55	Corfu	s	15	59	Madrid	s	10	50	Rome	s	14	57
Algiers	s	17	63	Dublin	r	8	46	Majorca	c	11	52	Salzburg	s	10	50
Amsterdam	f	6	43	Dubrovnik	s	11	52	Malaga	f	15	59	Seoul	s	5	41
Athens	c	8	46	Faro	s	17	63	Malta	s	15	59	Stockholm	c	2	36
Bahrain	s	18	64	Florence	s	9	48	Milan	fg	1	34	Strasbourg	s	11	52
Barcelona	c	13	55	Frankfurt	f	8	46	Moscow	c	−5	23	Tangier	s	18	64
Beirut	s	10	50	Funchal	f	17	63	Munich	s	8	46	Tel Aviv	c	15	59
Belgrade	s	3	37	Geneva	s	8	46	Nairobi	s	29	84	Tenerife	s	24	75
Berlin	c	7	45	Gibraltar	c	16	61	Naples	s	11	52	Tokyo	c	9	48
Biarritz	s	15	59	Helsinki	c	−1	30	Nice	s	13	55	Tunis	f	18	64
Boulogne	c	9	48	Hongkong	r	13	55	Oslo	s	2	36	Valencia	c	14	57
Bordeaux	c	8	46	Innsbruck	s	6	43	Paris	f	10	50	Venice	fg	3	37
Brussels	f	11	52	Istanbul	c	4	39	Prague	c	0	32	Vienna	c	−1	30
Budapest	f	0	32	Jeddah	s	25	77	Reykjavik	s	−5	23	Warsaw	s	4	39
Casablanca	f	17	63	Las Palmas	f	20	68	Perth	s	28	82	Zurich	s	7	45
				Lisbon	s	12	54	Peking	s	9	48				

